

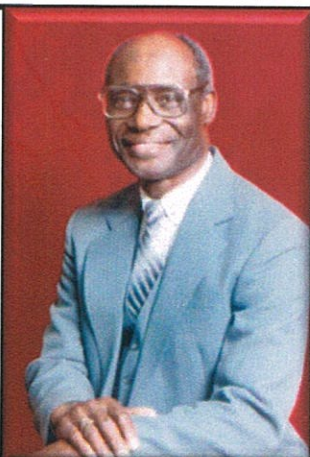


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PEABODIAN OF THE QUARTER

Rev. Dr. Herbert Winston Anderson is a native of Petersburg, VA, the youngest of six children born to the late George A. and Mary B. Anderson. He grew up in the Birdville community, was baptized at age eleven, and joined Gillfield Baptist Church in Petersburg. He attended the Petersburg City Public Schools and graduated from Peabody High School in 1948. He received a Bachelor's degree in Religious Education and an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Virginia Seminary and College of Lynchburg, now Virginia University of Lynchburg.

Rev. Dr. Anderson was licensed to preach on May 3, 1981 and ordained November 25, 1983 by Rocky Branch Baptist Church. He is a member of Rocky Branch Baptist Church in Sutherland. Rev. Dr. Anderson retired as Pastor of the Sharon Baptist Church in Dinwiddie County with 31 years of service and was bestowed the honor of Pastor Emeritus. He also served as Pastor of Center Star Baptist Church in Dinwiddie for 12 years and served 4 years in the U.S. Army, experiencing combat in the Korean War. Rev. Dr. Anderson retired from Allied Signal Fiber's Division, Chesterfield, VA after 27 years of service.

Rev. Dr. Anderson has served the community in many civic and professional organizations. He served as Director of the Dinwiddie County Food Bank; President of the Dinwiddie County Clergy Association (comprised of interracial and interdenominational ministers); Past Chairman of the Trustee Board of The Children's Home of Virginia Baptist, Inc.; Past President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Petersburg; Past Moderator of the Ebenezer Baptist Association and It's Allied Bodies; and Past President of the United Churches of Dinwiddie. In addition, Rev. Dr. Anderson was selected to eulogize the two Black Law Enforcement Officers who were slain in Dinwiddie (Lt. James Weaver and Trooper Junious Walker), which was televised statewide. He was one of the four persons recognized by the Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors as "Hometown Heroes" for the First Black History Recognition Program ever held in the County. He holds memberships in the NAACP, the SCLC, the Peabody High School National Alumni Association, Inc., and the Lynchburg Alumni Association.

Rev. Dr. Anderson has been married for 62 years to the former Obena Wyatt of Sutherland, VA and they are the proud parents of three daughters (one deceased)—all college graduates; one foster daughter, six grandchildren (college graduates) and six great-grandchildren (all in school and active in the church) and they reside in Sutherland, Virginia.



**Rev. Dr. Herbert
Anderson
We Salute You!**



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PEABODIANS IN THE MINISTRY

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Branch-Griffin is a 1970 graduate of Peabody. She completed her Bachelors degree in Nursing and her Masters and Doctorate in Healthcare Administration. She has done further study at Samuel D. Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. Dr. Branch-Griffin has pastored three AME Zion Churches in Virginia before being assigned in 2005 to the historical Oak Street AME Zion Church, Petersburg, VA. She is the first female to assume that role in the church's 173 year history.

On March 1, 2015, Dr. Branch-Griffin retired as Director of Health and Counseling Services at Virginia State University. She has received numerous awards and commendations for her work in the ministry and in community health. Her services continue as a member of Petersburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Petersburg Chapter of Links Incorporated; President of the FLITE Foundation, which undergirds the Petersburg Freedom Support Center for Veterans; Board Director for the Petersburg YMCA; and Petersburg Area Art League. She is leading Oak Street in renovating the old school board warehouse, adjacent to the church, into 58 units of affordable efficiency housing units for veterans. Dr. Branch-Griffin is the mother of three adult children and their spouses, along with four adorable grandchildren.



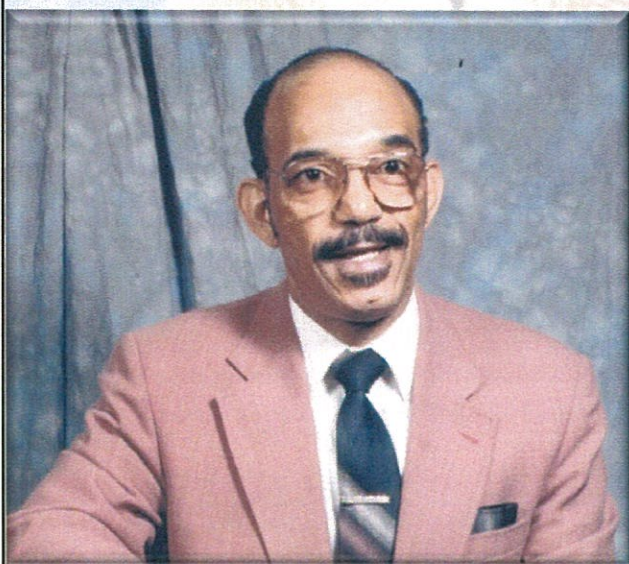
Rev. William E. Clarke is a 1956 graduate of Peabody. He is a native of Petersburg and the son of the late James and Ethel Clarke. He was baptized at Oak Street AME Zion Church and now hold membership at the Brown Grove Baptist Church in Chesterfield, Virginia, which is pastored by Rev. Andrew Carey of Petersburg.

Rev. Clarke holds a B.S. degree in Education and a Masters of Education in Administration and Supervision from Virginia Commonwealth University. He studied for one year at Virginia Union University in the School of Theology. He served in the United States Army from 1959-1962 in the 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper. He is a Past President of the Chesterfield Deacon and Deaconess Union and a former teacher of its training class. He retired from the Richmond Public School System as a fifth grade teacher in 1998.

Rev. Clarke was licensed to preach the gospel on February 22, 1984 and was ordained on August 11, 1985. For the past 20 years, he has been the Pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Lawrenceville, Virginia. Recently, the Church Scholarship Fund was named in his honor.

He is married to the former Zeldna Turner and they have one son, Rodney, and a daughter-in-law, Tanya.

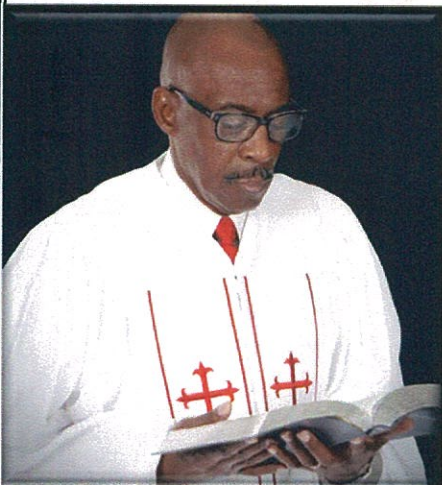
His Motto: "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain."





Rev. Brenda L. Wilson Cherry is a 1967 graduate of Peabody. Rev. Cherry is a life-long resident of Petersburg and a 1985 graduate of the Petersburg Practical Nursing Program. She is the daughter of Mrs. Anna M. Wilson and the late Ralph Wilson. She has been married for 47 years to her high school sweetheart, the Rev. Leroy A. Cherry. Rev. Cherry is First Lady and serves as Associate Minister of Third Baptist Church, Petersburg. She was licensed to preach on March 10, 2014 and ordained on November 23, 2014. She is a member of the Unified Shiloh Baptist Association of Southside, Virginia and Past President of the Women's Department. She currently serves as Chairperson of the Time & Place Committee. Rev. Cherry is also a member of the Spiritual Care Services at Southside Regional Medical Center and serves as Volunteer Chaplain. She is a past member of the J.E.B. Stuart School PTA and a past member of the ICPC Auxiliary (International Conference of Police Chaplains Auxiliary for spouses).

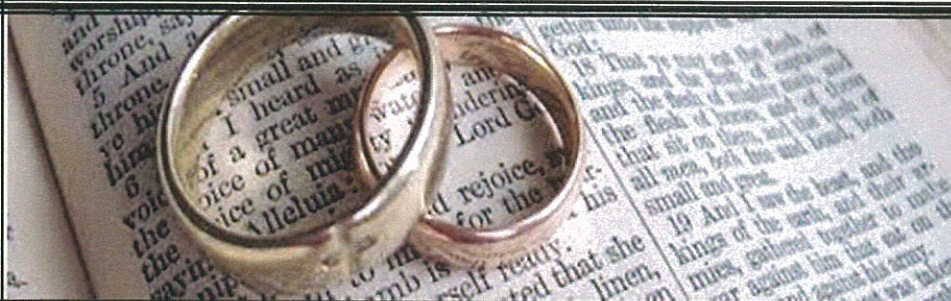
Rev. Cherry loves the Lord and feels that "Happiness in serving the Lord is sharing it with family and friends." She is thankful to God for being where she is in such a time as this. At Third Baptist, she serves as one of the teachers of the Adult Sunday School Class; a Vacation Bible School teacher; President/Directress of the Mass Choir; and member of the Christian Education Board. Her favorite scriptures are in the Book of Psalms.



Rev. Leroy A. Cherry is a 1967 (summer) graduate of Peabody. He is the son of the late Inez McCoy and Percy Davis. He is married to Rev. Brenda Wilson Cherry and they are proud parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. Rev. Cherry served six years in the Virginia Army National Marine Corps and seven years in the Virginia Army National Guard with the rank of Sergeant. He is a graduate of Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. He has attended Lynchburg Seminary & College, Virginia Polytechnic School, Virginia State University and John Tyler Community College. He is a student in Okinawan Kenpo and has earned a 1st Degree Black Belt. Rev. Cherry heard the Word of God calling him into the ministry and preached his initial sermon on Sunday, January 16, 1983 at the First Baptist Church, Harrison Street, Petersburg, VA, under the leadership of Rev. Clyde Johnson, and was ordained in 1986. He is the former pastor of First Baptist Church McKenney, where he

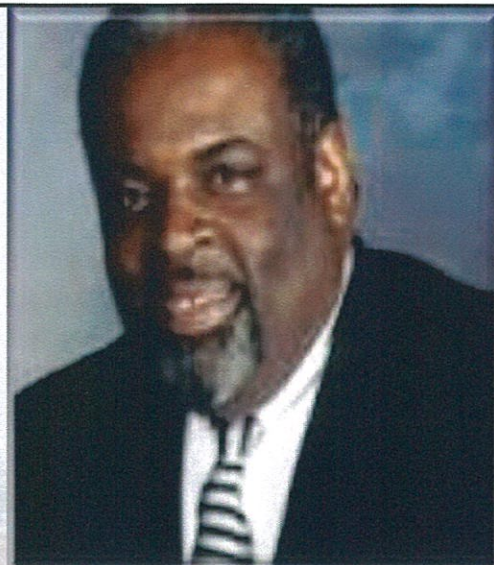
served for ten years, and Good Hope Baptist Church, Blackridge, VA where he served for nine years. Upon accepting the call to pastor Third Baptist Church, Rev. Cherry bid farewell to those churches in August, 1996. He became the Pastor of Third Baptist Church on September 1, 1996. Rev. Cherry's favorite motto is "To God Be The Glory." He truly believes that if he can show somebody the way to salvation in Jesus Christ and His righteousness, that his living has not been in vain.

Through Rev. Cherry's faithfulness to God, his leadership, humble ways, and tireless efforts, his church has come a long way. A new edifice has been built, a number of new ministries have been organized, and through the grace of God, the membership continues to grow.



**Husband and Wife
Working Together
For The Lord....
"To God Be the Glory."**

Rev. William N. Bland, Jr. is a 1969 graduate of Peabody. He is a native of Petersburg and the son of the late Deacon William N. Bland, Sr. and Olivia Hailes Bland, both licensed funeral directors. Reverend Bland obtained a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Virginia State University in 1973, an Associate Degree in Applied Sciences from the School of Mortuary Science in 1974, and a Master of Divinity from the School of Theology at Virginia Union University in 1982. He is the former Pastor of First Baptist Church, Waverly, where he and his family served faithfully for 12 years (1984-1996), and Pastor Emeritus of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Petersburg. He received his "Doctor of Ministry" accreditation from the Living Water Bible Institute on June 21, 2008. Rev. Bland's religious, civic, social, fraternal and professional affiliations are many, but to name a few: the Baptist Minister's Conference of Petersburg and Vicinity; the Petersburg Area Clergy Association; the Chaptaincy Program at Southside Regional Medical Center; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity; Pi Sigma Eta Mortuary Fraternity; Sheba Lodge #17



of Free and Accepted Masons PHA; and the local, state and national Funeral Director's Association. Rev. Bland was married to the former Doris Yvette Bouldin of Chesterfield. His beloved wife passed away on January 17, 2013. They were blessed with two children: William N. Bland III (Trip) and Nickia "Nikki" Bland-Johnson (Victor). He is the proud grandfather of three grandchildren and currently lives with his daughter and her family in Chester. In May 2013, Rev. Bland suffered a massive stroke that left him disabled, but he has not given up and still knows that we serve a God that heals. He is forever grateful to all who have prayed, donated money, and visited him. Rev. Bland's trusted motto has always been, "The Best is Yet to Come," and he trusts God each and every day to provide all of his needs.



Rev. Dr. Ora Peterson is a 1970 graduate of Peabody. She is a native of Petersburg and the daughter of the late Deacon Eddie and Eliza A. Peterson. Upon graduation from Peabody, she entered Virginia State College (now University) where she received a B.S. degree (cum laude) and a Master of Education in elementary education. A Master of Divinity degree in Theology (magna cum laude) was conferred upon her by the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. She has also completed studies at Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Virginia. Rev. Dr. Peterson's Christian experience began at the Sharon Baptist Church, Dinwiddie, where she accepted Christ and was baptized. At Sharon Baptist, she served as church school teacher and program director, bus ministry coordinator, church clerk, secretary and choir member. Additionally, she taught Christian Education classes and conducted educational workshops for the Baptist General Convention of Virginia and served as a member of the Christian Education Planning Team. In May 1987, Rev. Dr. Peterson preached her initial sermon at the Gillfield Baptist Church, Petersburg, under the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Grady W. Powell, Sr. She served as

the Youth Ministry Coordinator and Director of Christian Education. In 1990, she was ordained and later became Assistant to the Pastor. Rev. Dr. Peterson has been a contributing member of many professional and community organizations. Her past and present affiliations are: Co-director of the Leviticus Chapter of Christians United for Christ Ministries; Co-hostess for "A Glimpse into the Church" (TV Channel 4); Board Directors of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, NAACP, SCLC, Petersburg Chapter #33 of the Order of Eastern Star, the Petersburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Pi Lambda Theta Sorority, the Women's Association, the Richmond, the Virginia and the National Education Association, and the Southside Council of Reading Educators.



Rev. Dr. Margie Stith Chrichlow Smith is a 1966 graduate of Peabody and was elected Chaplain of her senior class. She is a resident of Newport News, VA. She received her B.S. degree in Accounting in 1971 from Virginia Union University and for a number of years worked at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Richmond, serving in management during her last years. In 1995, she received her Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Union University School of Theology and in 1996 completed requirements for the Masters of Guidance Counseling at Virginia State University. She is a licensed professional counselor and a certified substance abuse counselor for the State of Virginia.

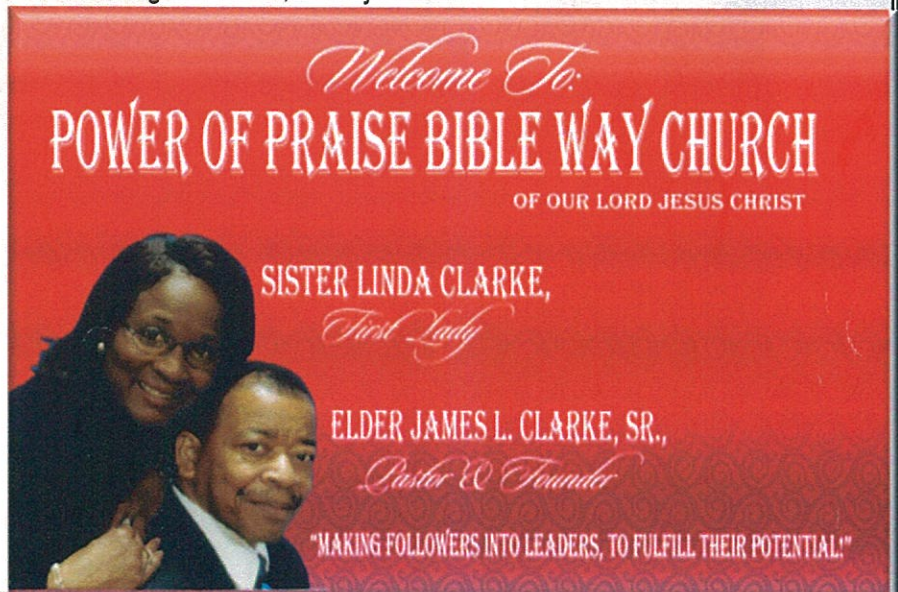
Rev. Dr. Smith's calling to the ministry was that of a Pastoral Counselor. She served at First Baptist Church, S. Richmond, as a Pastoral Counselor for 10+ years. During that time, she received her Doctor of Ministry degree from Virginia Union University School of Theology in 2002. She is also on the adjunct faculty of Virginia Union University School of Theology. In 2007, Rev. Dr. Smith joined Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Petersburg, under the leadership of Pastor Jeffrey Reaves, Sr. She serves as the pastoral counselor and as one of the Stephen Leaders of the Stephen Ministry, which is a pastoral care ministry for laypersons.

In 2008, Rev. Dr. Smith opened her pastoral counseling/mental health counseling business in Richmond. She is the proud mother of a son and a set of twin daughters, and the proud grandmother of a grandson and a set of twins.

Elder James L. Clarke, Sr. is a 1964 graduate of Peabody. He is the Senior Pastor and Founder of Power of Praise Bible Way Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ located in Hopewell. In 1986, Pastor Clarke received a word from the Lord "The time is now, GO FORTH." Pastor Clarke's vision for Power of Praise is to "Make followers into leaders, to fulfill their potential."

Pastor Clarke was saved at the age of 24 and received his foundational training at Calvary Temple (then Mt. Calvary) Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Inc., under the pastorate of Bishop (now Apostle) Wesley M. Taylor, Sr. Pastor Clarke attended Voorhees Jr. College, New York Church of Christ, Marilyn Hickey Ministries, and Virginia Institute of Biblical Studies under the leadership of the late Dr. Lawrence Christian. He is the husband of First Lady Linda Clarke (class of '67) and they are the parents of two adult sons, James Clarke, Jr. and Jamar Clark, and the grandparents of two grandchildren, Jayshaun and James III, and one daughter-in-law, Tracey Clarke.

Pastor Clarke is a praying man with a pursuit for the Word of God. His favorite scripture is Psalms 91:1 "He who dwells in the secret place shall abide under the shadow of the almighty."



Scholarships Given to Exceptional Students

The Senior Class Awards and Recognition Program was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at Petersburg High School auditorium. It was a very special day for graduating seniors as they received recognition for their outstanding achievements.

The Peabody High School National Alumni Association, Inc. awarded two \$500.00 scholarships, which were presented by VP Thelma Jefferson at the ceremony. From the applications received by the Scholarship Committee (chaired by Linda W. Smith), Raven Rickay Parham and Q'untae White were chosen.

Raven Rickay Parham is ranked #4 in her graduating class. She has done an extensive amount of community service and is a member of many extra-curricular activities. Raven is planning to attend Old Dominion University and major in Computer Information Systems with a minor in Web Design/Development. Her aspirations are to get her Masters and Doctorate degrees and become a magazine editor.

Q'untae White plans are to attend Richard Bland College and double major in Computer Engineering and Business Management and minor in Fashion Design. He further plans to finish his last two years at William & Mary and later start his own business so that he can be a positive influence in his community.

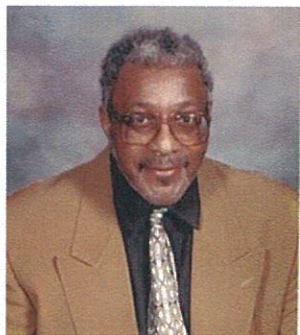


Good Luck and Congratulations to Our Students!

Keep up the good work and many more accomplishments will come your way.

Loving Memories of Our Dearly Departed Loved Ones

"Each night we shed a silent tear, as we speak to you in prayer, to let you know we love you and just how much we care. Take our million teardrops, wrap them up in love, then ask the wind to carry them to you in heaven above."



Seyum Franchot Nelson

May 29, 2015
Class of 1954



Ernestine Christian Batts

May 21, 2015
Retired Educator
Class of 1932



Diane P. Simmons

May 8, 2015



Rose West Barnes

Retired Educator
April 25, 2015



Angela Stanback Burney

March 19, 2015



Vernell S. Gilliam

March 18, 2015



James E. "Man" Kizzie

March 12, 2015



Annie M. Nicholas

February 26, 2015



Jane Lomax Blunt

February 21, 2015
Class of 1942



Ida Graves R. Swope

October 16, 2014
Class of 1948



Community Outreach Project

Peabodians always take the time to “lend a helping hand” to those in need. This year, The Hope Center, which was established by Downtown Churches United, was the focal point of attention by the Alumni Association. The Hope Center provides a variety of assistance to community residents. Nearly 8,000 people a year are clients of The Hope Center’s food pantry...Nearly 400 people a week depend on The Hope Center for a nutritious meal...Over 500 lunches are delivered to Gilhaven Manor residents each year... and over 350 people a year are assisted with utilities, rent, or prescription drugs through the Hope Center. PHSNAA’s Community Outreach Co-chairs, Virginia Barbour and Harry Quarles collected and delivered eight large boxes of canned foods and non-perishable items to restock the food pantry shelves.



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to all who contributed to
this project.

SOL SPRING FAIR

The Petersburg City Public Schools, which is committed to the academic, social and emotional well-being of all students, scheduled a Division-wide “SOL Spring Fair” on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Petersburg High School cafeteria from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Students in grades K-12 participated in the event by performing creative expressions through drama, song, dance, poetry or step dance representing a specific SOL content area. To assist the school in having a successful event, the Alumni Association donated bottles of water, and set up a table on site to display PHSNAA memorabilia and distribute history facts about Peabody High School and the Alumni Association. Thanks to the nine alumni members who manned the table and greeted parents and students attending the fair. A special thanks to those who donated bottles of water.



Calling All Peabody HS Band Members

Did you play in the high school band?

A Planning Committee is trying to locate all former Peabody HS band members. Later this year, Mr. William R. McKinley will be recognized for his many years of service as Band Director for Peabody High, Peabody Middle, and Petersburg High School.

If you want to be a part of this event when plans are finalized, please send your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to:

Thelma Jefferson: e-mail thelma2032@comcast.net or

Janice Mann: e-mail jay320mann@comcast.net



Jefferson Honored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Thelma Jefferson (Class of '67) was honored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Petersburg Alumnae Chapter, at their 2015 May Week Celebration held on May 9, 2015 at VSU Gateway Dining & Event Center. The occasion was to recognize leaders in service areas who have shown outstanding accomplishments. Jefferson received recognition for her accomplishments in the area of Political Awareness & Involvement. Other adult honorees were in the area of Educational Development and International Awareness & Development. Students who excelled in scholarship, community service, the arts and athletic pursuits were also recognized.

Jefferson was over-joyed and expressed her appreciation to those who nominated her (Virginia Mann & Lula Lawson) and was most grateful for being selected for the award. She shared the joyous occasion by having her Mother, Mrs. Julia Mayfield; two daughters, Melissa Williams and Kimberly Dublin; and grand-daughter, Arlissa Williams, join her. She even shared a photo with her junior/senior high school teacher and mentor, Mrs. Marolyn Quarles.



Fun at The 2014 Christmas Gala

Peabodians always enjoy an opportunity to get together; and, the 2014 Christmas Gala proved to be an exciting and enjoyable event. Members were still full of the Christmas spirit on Friday, December 26th when a capacity crowd filled the building at Club 17 in Petersburg. The décor was magnificent and the music was great, which was provided by "The Neal Bowman Project" Band and DJ Hermon Maclin. The food (provided by Garrett Mason Catering) was even greater, and the fellowship with alumni and friends had everyone wanting more.



Luther Jackson, Aubrey Jackson, Bessie Moorner, Herbert Anderson
Classmates from the '40's





The Script Committee

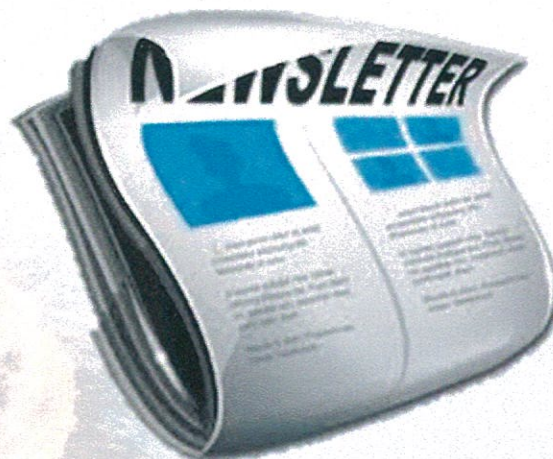
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“We must BELIEVE that we are gifted for something, and that this thing,
at whatever cost, must be attained.”

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