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## Pastor Happy Caldwell Speaks at Prayer Luncheon

Pastor Happy Caldwell, of VTN Channel 25, graced the podium on Wednesday, May 20th as he spoke at the 2015 National Month of Prayer Luncheon. The event was held at the Pine Bluff Convention Center and the theme of this year's luncheon was, "One People, One Voice." Pastor Caldwell's message outlined the need to unite in prayer and allow faith to flow from the foundation of the faith-based community throughout the City of Pine Bluff. Although he presented priceless nuggets of truth and wonderful bits of humor, his message was clear; it's time to take our city back and cover our community with prayer. Pastor Caldwell graciously presented each attendee with a free copy of his book, "Save Our City." At the conclusion of the event Pastor Caldwell re-

mained for a book signing for his newest publication, "The Heart of a Pastor." The event was well attended as there was over 300 present at the luncheon. In addition, Tyson Foods, Inc. of Pine Bluff was the chief sponsor as they donated and prepared the main components of the delicious lunch served that afternoon. Rev. Jesse Turner moderated the event; others who spoke were Pastor Gary Bell, Father Anil Thomas, Pastor Travis Creekmore, Rev. John Farris, Rev. Mike Morey, Rev. Barbara Douglas, Rev. Bobby Butler, Rev. Tim Bias and Rev. Alicia Frye. Mayor Debe Hollingsworth gave closing remarks; thanking Pastor and Sis. Caldwell for speaking at this year's luncheon and delivering an on time message for the community and it's citizens.



(Pastor Happy Caldwell of VTN Channel 25)

## The Pine Bluff City Splash Park Is Dedicated

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The Pine Bluff Splash Park at Lake Saracen was dedicated by Mayor Debe Hollingsworth on May 22, 2015. The Splash Park is one of the Bond Projects voted on in November of 2010 from

the 5/8 cent sales tax. It has been called the premier splash park in the state of Arkansas, with a cutting edge, state of the art computer system. The park houses 76 illuminated jets which can be programmed to display various colors in a variety of patterns.

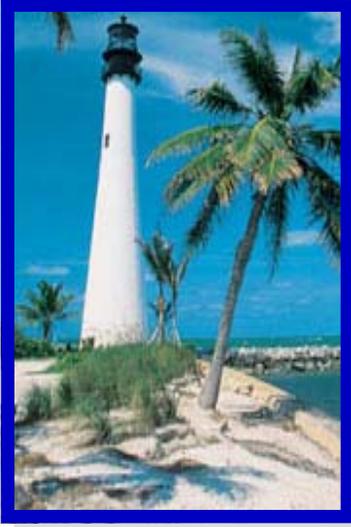
Other elected officials who were also there to acknowledge the efforts of the individuals, companies and committees that went the extra mile for the citizens of

Pine Bluff.

Mizan Rahman of ETC Engineering, Inc. was the lead on this particular bond project and oversaw the design which includes the advanced technology being used in this brand new facility.

The park officially opened to the public on Memorial Day - May 25, 2015. For further information and hours of operation call Parks and Recreation at 870-536-0920.

## Mayor Hollingsworth Reports:



School is out and summer is just around the corner. That being said, I urge all parents of our communities to register your children in the many different summer youth programs and events going on for the next few weeks throughout our city. We have currently listed some information on the Pine Bluff City website and will post updates as we receive additional information.

Keeping our children engaged during the summer months is a plus for both the parents and their children. To assist in your summer program research, here are some resources for your information regarding youth summer camps and programs; the Pine Bluff

Police Department, the Pine Bluff City Parks and Recreation, the Arts & Science Center, and the Boys & Girls Club. In addition, many churches in the community will be having summer programs for several age groups.

A busy child is a happy child. Summer vacation can and should be filled with fun and continued education for the growing youth of our city. Therefore, we encourage you to participate in the various activities offered by the dedicated churches and organizations throughout our caring communities.

*Mayor Debe Hollingsworth*

## Volunteers Recognized at VIPS Luncheon

First United Methodist hosted the Annual VIPS Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, May 21, 2015. The VIPS (Volunteers In Public Schools) organization has provided over 1000 hours of reading assistance in the Pine Bluff Public School System this last school year. A few of the businesses and organizations who donated their time as readers included Simmons Bank, SEARK, UAPB, United Way, Pine Bluff City Fire Dept., numerous retired educators within our community, school board members and many

more. The VIPS program is essential to the progress and encouragement of the young readers of our community, therefore, all the VIPS volunteers were acknowledged and recognized for their dedication and commitment to the children of the Pine Bluff community. Ms. Monica O'Briant emceed the event and Coordinators the VIPS volunteers. Chief Shawn Howell was there to represent the Pine Bluff City Fire Department and the Interim Pine Bluff City School Superintendent, Mr. T.C. Wallace, Jr. gave remarks.



(Ms. Monica O'Briant)

## City-wide Clean-Up Planned for June 13th



On June 13, 2015 from 10:00am to 1:00pm, numerous individuals, and organizations will be coordinating with local churches, along with the City of Pine Bluff employees, to participate in "The Great Pine Bluff Clean-Up." Several Churches within our community will be adopting a 2 to 3 block area around their property to assist in the effort to clean up Pine Bluff. The cleanest area will receive a "Fun Day Celebration," at the local participating church, for their neighborhood as a

thank you for their commitment and efforts. Participating churches will also be providing lunch at 1:00pm. Those who are interested will be able to register on the Pine Bluff City website with their name, address, and ward number to be included in the competition. This is the largest clean-up event in the city and hundreds are expected to participate. The theme for this event is "Claim Your Community and Make a Difference!"

# Pine Bluff Police Department Awards Banquet

The 2015 Police Departments Annual Awards Banquet was held at the Pine Bluff Convention Center. The theme for the evening was Mardi Gras Madness. The event was well attended with many officers receiving accolades for their exemplary performance. Father Anil Thomas of St. Peter's Catholic Church was the Keynote Speaker for the evening.

Some of those who received awards were: Officer Phillip Meachem and Officer Derrick Harris for **"Officer of the Year;"** Sergeant Charles "Mary" Harrison for **"Supervisor of the Year;"** Assistant Chief Ivan Whitfield for **"Police Chief Special Award;"** Officer Princess Danzy for the **"Catherine Whiteside Award;"** Detective Keith Wright, Detective Scott Norton, Detective Michael, Sergeant William "Bill" Wiegand, Officer Derrick Harris, Officer Scott Cantwell and Officer Princess Danzy for the **"Life Saving Award;"** **"The Medal of Valor"** went to Sergeant William "Bill" Wiegand; Lieutenant Lance Lawhon and Officer Kevin Patterson received

**"Certificates of Merit;"** Officer Derrick Harris, officer Kevin Kirk, Lieutenant Donna Fratessi, Officer Ricky Bunting, Sergeant Derrick Price, Officer Ryan Moheb, Officer Derrick Harris, Officer Marvin Cawthon, Mr. Billy Robertson, Officer Kaylon McDaniel, Officer Phillip Meachem, Officer Christopher Fontenette, Officer Jalyndria Murry, Detective Keith Wright, Officer Mario Brown, Officer Jeremy Brown, Officer Joseph O'Neal Officer David Harrell and Officer Justin Williams, Sergeant Brad Vilches, Officer Jason Boykin, Lieutenant Billy Harrell, Sergeant Samuel Atkinson, Officer Katisha Johnson, Officer Ricky Bunting, and an extended list of others for the **"Meritorious Conduct Award."** There were also many other awards and certificates for those who have laid their lives down to protect and serve the citizens of our fair city. To all of these brave men and women of the Pine Bluff Police Dept., the city expresses its appreciation and gratitude for your remarkable service.



(Police Chief Jeffery Hubanks, Mrs. Barbara Hubanks and Assistant Chief Ivan Whitfield)

## Town Hall Meeting June 22nd



(Mayor Debe Hollingsworth)

The City of Pine Bluff will hold their 2nd quarterly Town Hall Meeting on June 22, 2015. Town Hall will be held at the Pine Bluff Convention Center at 5:30pm in the Main Banquet Hall.

Topics for that evening will include: the T.A.G.G. (Targeting Areas Going Green) initiative and the listing of city owned lots that are now up for sale. The process for purchasing a city owned lot will be given

at that time. There will also be a review and comparison of the crime stats from 2013 until now, outlining the overall reduction in crime throughout our community. Please remember that Town Hall meetings are now on a quarterly schedule and the next meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 5:30pm in the Pine Bluff Convention Center. For additional information contact the Mayor's office at 730-2000, x7.

## Vacation Bible School Listings:

**Lakeside United Methodist and First United Methodist** will partner together for VBS June 21st at 5:00pm for their block party. VBS will be held June 22—25 at 5:30pm. at the Lakeside location, 1500 Olive St. For more information call 534-6241

**Pleasant View Ministries** 1117 N. Palm St. Pine Bluff, AR. VBS will be held from June 22—25 at 5:30pm to 7pm. For more information call 870-541-9330.

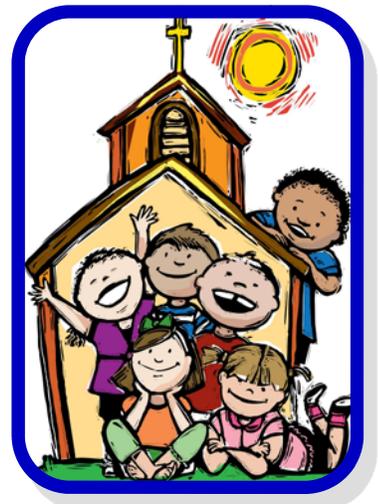
**First Presbyterian Church** 717 32nd Ave. Pine Bluff, AR 71603. VBS will be held the week of July 27th – 13st from 9:00am to 3:00pm for more information call 534-7831.

**Kings Highway MBC** 2312 Fluker St. Pine Bluff, AR 71601. VBS will be held from June 15th - 19th 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Classes are offered for all ages; children and adults. For more information call 536-4279.

**New Harvest Church of God** - 9016 Hwy 270 Pine Bluff, AR 71602. VBS will be held every Sunday in the month of July from 10:00am - 12:30pm. For more information call 247-0316.

**Pine Hill Baptist Church** 2101 Reeker Ave. Pine Bluff, AR 71603. VBS will be held June 1st–5th from 5:00pm—7:00pm. For more information regarding Pine Hill Baptist Church VBS call 536-1788.

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- Cleaning basins
- Check catch basins and replace basin tops
- Jet rodding pipes
- Weed-eating around signs and bridges
- Grass cutting along street right-of-ways
- Street Sweeping (3) sweepers – picking up limbs and leaves
- Routine maintenance of Traffic Signal Lights
- Routine maintenance of Traffic Signs

## Vacation Bible School Listings Continued:

**St. Luke United Methodist Church** 32 School St. Pine Bluff, AR 71601. VBS will be held the week of June 22—26 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. They will host 4 different age appropriate classes; Pre-K which are 4 to 5 years old, 1st thru 3rd, 4th thru 6th and, 7th thru 9th grades. For more information call 535-2291.

**Family Church** 2500 Hwy 104 - White Hall, AR 71602. VBS will be held the week of July 20—24 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Also there will be a children's service as a kick off on the evening of Saturday, July 18th and the morning of Sunday the 19th. For more information call 247-3300.

**Southside Baptist Church** 2309 Poplar St. Pine Bluff, AR 71603. VBS will be held the week of June 22 —26 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information call 534-6301.

**Greater Ward AME Church** 3700 6th Ave. Pine Bluff, AR 71601. VBS will be held the week of July 20 —24 from 6:00

pm to 8:00pm. For more information call 879-9818.

**Allen Temple AME Church** 1123 S. Virginia St. Pine Bluff, AR 71601. VBS will be held the week of July 22—24 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information call 534-5306.

**Barraque Street Missionary Baptist Church** 1800 W. Pullen St. VBS will be held the week of June 29—July 2nd from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information call 536-0582.

**Watson Chapel Baptist Church** 5514 Pinnacle Ln. Pine Bluff, AR 71603. VBS will be held the week of June 8—12 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Age group will be from K thru 6th grades. For more information call 879-1370.

**St. Peter's Catholic Church** 207 E. 16th Ave. Pine Bluff, AR 71601. VBS will be held the week of June 8—12 from 8:00am to 1:00pm. The age group will be from 5yrs to 11yrs old. For more information call 534-6418.

