

Overview of PHOEBE

PHOEBE is a program that was initiated to encourage the involvement of young women ages 18-35 in the activities of the Women's Ministries Department and the church at large.

Tagline:

I am Phoebe, a beacon of light for Christ

The objectives of Phoebe are:

- Ø Facilitating an increase in mission involvement
- Ø Increasing social and spiritual interactions
- Ø Meeting temporal needs
- Ø Impacting the community through outreach activities

In achieving these objectives, there are activities and areas of focus which are as follows:

1. **Mentorship of ladies 18-35 years, by those 36 and beyond.**

This will see a steady growth of youth in Christian ministry and a synergy of mind and body. Presently there is a gap between the old and young due to the perceptions held by each.

2. **Weekly Spiritual Food**

The Morning Watch will play a significant role in the strengthening of the spiritual capacity of our young ladies. At the end of each quarter, representatives from each zone will fellowship and recite morning watch texts from memory in a fun face-off. Also, weekly nuggets will be shared from the prophetess Ellen G. White in the areas of family, home and youth ministry. Each church will ensure all women receive these weekly tips. It will help to nourish and strengthen women of all ages.

3. **PHOEBE Newspaper** – This will be issued bi-monthly to keep the Phobes informed of various activities and to highlight active Phobes. Special features include Dear Pastor, Dear Doctor, Dear Editor, devotionals and much more. Phobes will have the opportunity to ask tough questions and receive answers to issues affecting them spiritually, mentally and physically.

4. **Group Bible Class Meetings**

It is suggested that a Bible class for ladies aged 18-35 be instituted in all churches, on a day decided by them, in an effort to improve spiritual growth. The Bible class is dubbed "**Keep**

Watch – 5 Wise Virgins”. Matthew 25 encourages us as women to keep watch lest we be deemed foolish.

5. Prayer Groups

The young ladies of the various zones have been divided into small groups and are required to meet weekly to pray together.

6. Sign Language, Singing and Creative Expressions

The youth tend to appreciate sign language and creative expressions. This will get the youth involved and greatly enhance Women’s Ministries programs, especially those not held on Sabbaths. The Deaf Association of Jamaica will be doing a 3 month course starting June. All are invited to sign up. Cost \$6000

7. Purple Door

The Purple Door is a podcast hosted “by young women, for young women”. It is a space for discussions spanning a variety of issues affecting our Phoebes.

8. PHOEBE Song competition

Districts across the conference will compete to win. All participants groups entered must be between the ages of 18-35. Coming 4th quarter 2022.

9. Church Beautification Project

Young women are known for beautification and adornment. Why not put this to work to enhance the beauty of our churches? The Phoebe group in each church should have a beautification project dubbed “beautification of our physical and spiritual temples”, once each year. The physical beautification should be amplified with the spiritual aspect found in 1 Corinthians 6:19,20, 1 Peter 3:1-4 and Isaiah 42:2,3.

10. Exercise

It is proposed that twice per month on Sunday morning PHOEBE women meet and walk as a means of exercise.

This should be encouraged in all districts.

11. Etiquette training

A programme will be organized to facilitate this once per year.

12. Miss Phoebe Ambassador – coming 2023

If you are interested in joining any of the following Phoebe ministries reach out to your church Phoebe leader:

- Phoebe Choir ministry
- Phoebe Sign Language and Creative Arts ministry
- Phoebe Newspaper editor/writer
- Phoebe Preachers Club ministry
- Phoebe Drama/Play ministry
- Phoebe Poetry/Speech ministry
- Phoebe purple door

Proceeds in Aid of a Prosthetic Leg for one of our Phoebes. Be there!

Phoebe Advisory Committee

Essence Monroe-Douglas, Phoebe leader

Kimanie Prendergast, Assistant leader

Zone leaders:

Chantell Stewart/La Ferne Henry - Manchester

Deneve Sweeney - Portmore zone

Shaniel Martin - Spanish Town Central A & B

Daniel Taylor/Carlagay - St. Catherine West

Roshania Tully/Kimanie Prendergast - St. Catherine North

Donneilla Gordon – Clarendon

“I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me.” (Rom. 16:1-2)