



March 8, 2018

PLEASANT RIDGE Baptist Church

Ministerial Staff

Senior Pastor: Josh Cook
Music Minister: Jonathan Riddle
Children's Minister: Nancy Glover
Education Minister: Ray Glover
Youth Minister: Jake Kersh

Attendance	
Small Groups:	235
Morning Worship:	255
Evening Worship:	77
Wednesday Night:	106

LOVING GOD
SHARING LIFE
SERVING OTHERS

A Note from the Pastor...

In the Old Testament, the Ark of the Covenant represented the presence of God among His people and was an important part of their religious life. In 2 Samuel 6, we find King David longing to have this representation of God's presence in Jerusalem. After an eventful journey, the Ark finally arrives and the people, including the king, celebrate God's goodness in allowing the Ark to arrive in Jerusalem. The celebration includes sacrifices, music, offerings, blessings, giving, eating, and dancing. It was truly a joyous occasion.

As we read the story, we find two types of people in this celebration—the celebrator and the criticizer. David is the celebrator. He actively participated in the celebration; he even danced before the Lord. Michal, Saul's daughter, was the criticizer. She was a spectator of the celebration whose only activity was to harshly critique those who were celebrating. In his reply to her criticism, David proudly proclaims that he will celebrate before the Lord and will gladly humiliate himself in His exaltation of God.

On Sundays, we come together to celebrate the presence of God in worship. Each of us must choose to either be a celebrator or a criticizer. Obviously, the right choice is to be a celebrator. It is a sin to come to worship with the intention of criticizing or with plans to passively attend. The call to worship is a call to actively humble ourselves as we exalt and glorify Christ.

This week, let's commit to the task of preparing ourselves for active, God-honoring, free worship. Let's prepare our hearts to be in the presence of God, to hear from Him, and to boldly worship Him with every part of our being. Let us choose now to intentionally and actively worship God when we come together because we all know that worship does not happen accidentally.

I am looking forward to seeing what God does this Sunday as we gather together determined to worship Him and to make His name known. See you Sunday!

Dr. Josh Cook

Daily Bible Reading

- March 5: Numbers 23-25
- March 6: Numbers 26-27
- March 7: Numbers 28-30
- March 8: Numbers 31-32
- March 9: Numbers 33-34
- March 10: Numbers 35-36
- March 11: Deut. 1-2
- March 12: Deut. 3-4
- March 13: Deut. 5-7
- March 14: Deut. 8-10
- March 15: Deut. 11-13
- March 16: Deut. 14-16
- March 17: Deut. 17-20
- March 18: Deut. 21-23
- March 19: Deut. 24-27

Memory Verse

"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances. But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil."

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-22, NASB95)

Tithes/Offerings March 4:

\$21,770

2018 Total: \$120,084

Reach for Tomorrow

Bank Loan: \$50,000

Payments: \$18,806

Owe: \$31,193

Owe Contingency: \$54,000

Total Owed: \$85,193

Sunday Schedule: March 11

Sunday

Prayer Walk	8:45 pm
Small Groups	9:00 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Budget/Finance	4:00 pm
Youth Puppets	5:00 pm
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Bible Drill/Kids' Choir/PS Puppets	6:00 pm
Deacon's Meeting	7:00 pm

Special Recognitions

Music: In memory of Mort Cherry by Robbie & David Kuykendall. In memory of my mother, Sammie Hicks, by Conrad & Susie Wellbaum.

Annie Armstrong: In memory of Hugh Bonham by Julia Bonham.

Cemetery: In memory of Norma Lee Teague by Carl & Mary Waldrop.

CFLC: In memory of Lucy Simpson & in honor of Felix & Sandy Rosborough by Judy & Jerry Fuller.

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
Goal: \$7,000

Ballroom Dance
Classes Friday's
7:00 pm
\$10/couple
Childcare provided
for \$5

Spring Cleaning Work Day @ Hueytown Elementary

March 10 at 8:00 am Equipment needed:
Chainsaw/powerful trimmer small paint rollers
blowers weedeaters sprayer for weeds
We will also be cutting grass, weeding flower beds,
picking up trash, painting poles, cleaning windows.

If you would like a workday t-shirt, we still have some available in the office for \$10

Refresh
Attention Moms
of school-aged children
Come take a break on Tuesday
mornings in the Fellowship Hall
from 8:30-10:00 am for a time to
fellowship & relax.
Childcare available for the little ones not in
school yet.

Heartfelt THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Childcare (3/11)
Krista Connelly
Farrell Crowe
Joan Harmon
Billy Hill
Betsy Simpson

Praise Pals (3/11)
Karen Lashley
Kids in Him (March)
Cheryl Abney
Christina Dargan
Jesus and Me (March)
Bridget Cook
Shamblin Griffice

Deacon
Hospital Visit
David Amerson
(Fri. 3/9 or
Sat. 3/10)

Security Patrol (3/11)
Jimmy Waldrop
Comer Justice
Danny Orton