



May 4, 2017

PLEASANT RIDGE Baptist Church

LOVING GOD
SHARING LIFE
SERVING OTHERS

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Ministerial Staff

Senior Pastor: Josh Cook
Music Minister: Jonathan Riddle
Children's Minister: Nancy Glover
Education Minister: Ray Glover
Student Minister: Wes May

Sunday Schedule:

May 7

Sunday

Prayer Walk	8:45 pm
Small Groups	9:00 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Budget/Finance	4:00 pm
Building/Properties	5:00 pm
Puppets	5:15 pm
Bible Drill/Kids Choir	6:00 pm
Evening Worship	6:00 pm

Tithes/Offerings April 30:

\$14,282

2017 Total: \$263,906

RFT: \$16,275

Attendance

Small Groups:	222
Morning Worship:	256
Evening Worship:	74
Wednesday Night:	126

Lifeline Screening
Thursday, May 11
Fellowship Hall

Nursery

Childcare (5/7)

Melanie Addy
Bridget Cook
Vickie Reynolds
Chris Vest
Jennifer Vest

Praise Pals (5/7)

Kathy Headley

Kids in Him (May)

Martha Waldrop
Natasha May

Jesus and Me (May)

Kristie Shearer
Nancy Staggs

VOLUNTEER

Security Patrol (5/7)

Benny Edwards
Jena Large
Robert Gilliland

Deacon Hospital Visits

Robert Gilliland (Friday 5/5)
Sam Poole (Saturday 5/6)
Randal Griffice (Sunday 5/7)

HHS Chamber Choir
Sunday, May 7
in the Evening Worship Service

WMU General Meeting
Monday, May 8 at 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Building & Properties Meeting
Sunday, May 7 at 5:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Relay For Life
May 12, 2017 at Stadium Park
6:00 pm - Midnight
If you are or know a cancer survivor, please let Nancy Glover know because you are invited to the survivor dinner. If you would like to buy a lumunaria in honor or in memory of a loved one, please see Nancy Glover

Bag \$5 Torch \$30

Baby Dedication
Sunday, May 14, 2017
If you have a new baby or toddler you would like to have dedicated, please call the church office (491-3771) by Friday, May 5. I would like to have a picture of the child being dedicated and one of the entire family. Please bring the pictures to the office by May 10 so we can get them scanned into the computer. Be sure they are labeled with your name and phone number. There will be a short form you will need to fill out for information on the baby/toddler.

Youth Bake Auction
Wednesday, May 24
6:00 pm—7:30 pm
All proceeds go to Ridge Camp 2017

Special Recognitions

Cemetery: In memory of Charles Wright and in honor of Betty Wright by Doris Farr.

Budget: In memory of Jimmy Creel by Gloria Creel.

Children's: In memory of a sweet friend, Bill Rotenberry by Ken & Connie Ross.

Jesus Pantry: In memory of John Farr by Carlos & Melba Brown.

Thank You note from: Elaine Cooper.

A Note from the Pastor...

This past week, we were challenged to know what we believe and to clearly communicate and logically defend those things. Ultimately, it is the work of the Spirit to do the work of convincing and convicting, but it is our responsibility to effectively communicate the truths of Scriptures as we obey the command to make disciples. The art of using reasoned arguments to defend one's faith is called apologetics.

This week I wanted to offer you a few apologetic resources. There are many good books available on Christian apologetics. The good folks at Lifeway will be more than happy to help you select a few. Rather than offer book suggestions, I wanted to point you toward a few online training resources this week.

Stand to Reason – www.STR.org – STR is an organization whose purpose is, "to train Christians to think more clearly about their faith and to make an even-handed, incisive, yet gracious defense for classical Christianity and classical Christian values in the public square." STR's website is filled with training that you can read, listen to, or watch for free.

Ravi Zacharias – www.RZIM.org – If you have never heard Ravi Zacharias speak, you should make that a top priority this week. Zacharias and his team of apologist are on the front lines defending our faith every day. Like STR, RZIM's website is filled with great training and information about speakers and training opportunities that may be in our area.

Biola University Certificate in Apologetics – www.biola.edu/apologetics/certificate – Biola has one of the top apologetic programs in the world. Their certificate program is incredibly thorough and affordable (\$350 for a college certificate program is unheard of). Through these courses the student will learn everything from how to argue for the existence of God to how to discuss a Biblical view of the sanctity of life. This certificate program is the most comprehensive of the three options. You will not be disappointed if you choose to go this route.

I will offer one book suggestion. *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by Nabeel Qureshi is not an apologetics training manual. Instead, this book is a testimony to the power of graceful apologetics. Qureshi journals his journey from Islam to Christianity in this powerful book. I recently completed it, highly recommend it, and am now reading his second book.

I hope this short list helps you. I look forward to seeing you this week in worship.

Dr. Josh Cook

We need a few items for VBS:
paper towel tubes
toilet paper tubes
20 oz. water bottles