



October 26, 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

Sunday Schedule:

October 29

Sunday

Prayer Walk	8:45 pm
Small Groups	9:00 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Puppets	5:00 pm
Movie Night	6:00 pm

Attendance

Small Groups:	187
Morning Worship:	214
Evening Worship:	114
Wednesday Night:	116

Tithes/Offerings October 22:

\$8,960

2017 Total: \$586,220

RFT YTD: \$86,625

Lifts/Loan Repay: \$50,000

Repay Contingency: \$54,000

Total Needed: \$104,000



Childcare (10/29)

Megan Garner
Shamblin Griffice
Kathy Headley
Tom Headley
Dave Stringfellow

Praise Pals (10/29)

LeAnn Keithe

Kids in Him (October)

Janet Hagood
Mary Elliott

Jesus and Me (October)

Janice Poole
Mindy Ellis

Security Patrol (10/29)

Robert McLellan
Frank Easterling
Sam Poole

Deacon Hospital Visits

Herb Putnam (Friday 10/27)
Kent Nuss (Saturday 10/28)
David Amerson (Sunday 10/29)

A Note from the Pastor...

As we seek to be the sons and daughters of God that we are called to be, there are times when we must make difficult decisions. Theological decisions are easier because we can find the answer to them in the Word of God. However, there are practical decisions that we make that aren't addressed clearly in the Bible. One of the practical questions I am often asked is: What do I do when someone asks me for money? This is hard because we all want to help, but we realize that giving someone money is not always the best way to help.

In my opinion, the short answer to this question is—politely decline to give them money. There will always be exceptions to this answer. If the person asking is a close friend with whom you have a long relationship, you may be justified in helping them. Sadly, in the setting of the church, it is very easy for acquaintances to take advantage of the charity of other Christians.

In Matthew 10, Jesus told his disciples to be, "As shrewd as snakes and as harmless as doves." This means that we should use discernment in our giving, we should be aware of the reality of addiction, and we should be conscious of the dangers of enabling dependency. If someone has a genuine need, the best thing they can do is contact the church office so we can connect them with ministries like the food pantries in our community or the Grace Place where they can get real, long-term help instead of a quick fix.

Quality benevolence ministries should have safeguards in place to prevent abuse and to identify individuals who are taking advantage of the system. It is difficult for individuals working separately to safeguard themselves effectively against abuse. If you do decide to help someone who asks (1) try to give them goods instead of cash (buy groceries or some gas), (2) do not create a habit, and (3) try not to give goods that could easily be sold or returned. Unfortunately, I learned this lesson the hard way when a church I served helped a family with Christmas only to find out that the gifts were returned leaving the children with nothing while the parents fed their habit.

The church and its members should actively be involved in helping those who have fallen on hard times, especially those within its body. We must also make sure that we are good stewards of our limited resources by helping in the best possible way.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday at church. Have a blessed week.

Dr. Josh Cook

We need Trunks for our Trunk-N-Treat! If you would like to decorate one, please see Nancy Glover.

Ladies' Tablescapes

"We Love Because He first Loved Us"
Saturday, January 20 \$20/ticket
Guest Singer/Speaker: Heather Messick

If you would like to decorate a table, please see Christina Dargan or call the church office, 491-3771

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes are available in the Sanctuary
Please NO candy or toothpaste \$9 shipping
If you would like a box prepared for you, you can give \$25 to the church office (this includes shipping) Boxes are due back November 19

Special Recognitions

RFT: In honor of Nell Godfrey by Laverne Stevens.

Cemetery: In memory of Brandon Conwill and in honor of Ray Glover by Sharon Conwill.

Budget: In memory of William Huddleston by Mary Huddleston.

Thank You Note from: Farrell Crowe.

We need individually wrapped candy for our Trunk-N-Treat! Bins are located outside the church office.

If you are interested in helping park cars for the Hueytown Football game November 3, please contact Bryan Rotenberry bandlrotenberry@gmail.com

2018 Budget Discussion
Sunday, November 12
Evening Worship Service

2018 Budget Vote
Sunday, November 26
Evening Worship Service

Movie Night
Sunday, October 29
Evening Worship Service