

October 5, 2017

PLEASANT RIDGE Baptist Church

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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 8

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

Tithes/Offerings October 1:

\$16,465

2017 Total: \$556,208

RFT YTD: \$82,442.31

Expenditures: \$63,343.50

RFT Balance: \$20,313.81

Attendance

Small Groups:	224
Morning Worship:	270
Evening Worship:	91
Wednesday Night:	117

A Note from the Pastor...

I awoke this morning, Monday, to sad news. As I am writing, the death toll in Las Vegas is over 50, and once again the nation is in shock. According to the news reports, the gunman committed suicide, but his death at his own hands seems like a cheap justice that offers no sense of vindication for the victim. There are still many questions to answer. Perhaps the most important question for us is: how do we, as Christians, respond to tragedy and hurt?

Be heartbroken – When Nehemiah heard news of the devastation in his home country, he wept. As Christ stood looking over the city of Jerusalem and pondered its brokenness His words resounded the heartbreak that He experienced for the people. Many times when we walk with friends through tragedy, they are not looking for a healing word. Instead, they are looking for someone who loves them enough to weep with them and to hurt with them. When we realize the effects of sin on our world, it should break our hearts. We should be broken when we witness tragedy and death. We should be crushed when we realize that some, perhaps many, of the victims of this violence did not know Christ.

Be praying – Our prayers are the ultimate evidence of who we truly view as our savior. God is the only hope for our nation and our world, but many times we look for saviors in all the wrong places. Legislation will not save us; politicians or rulers will not save us. The only hope for our nation is a mighty move of God. The only real comfort for those who are grieving is God. If we truly believe this, it will change the way we pray.

Be busy – If we realize that sin is the cause of all this pain and God is the only solution, we should be compelled to run wildly into our world sharing the good news with anyone and everyone who will listen. These tragedies are not scheduled or planned. Tragedy is random and indiscriminate. We should pray that God will protect us from it while we prepare our community spiritually for it through the gospel.

I hope that you will join with me in praying for all the affected individuals and families. I also hope you will join with me in praying for our community and in giving ourselves completely to the tasks of evangelism and discipleship. I look forward to seeing you this week at worship. God is truly doing a great work here at PRBC.

Dr. Josh Cook

Ladies' Tablesapes

"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



Childcare (10/8)

Bebe George
Lora Hawkins
Sharon Heise
Laurie Paul

Praise Pals (10/8)

Betsy Simpson

Kids in Him (October)

Janet Hagood
Mary Elliott

Jesus and Me (October)

Janice Poole
Mindy Ellis

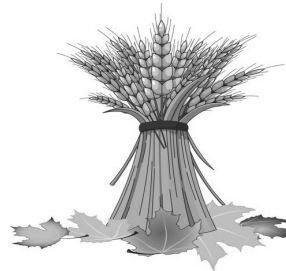
Security Patrol (10/8)

Mike Elliott
Gerald Hicks
Paul Redmond

Deacon Hospital Visits

Conrad Wellbaum (Friday 10/6)
Benny Edwards (Saturday 10/7)
John Ellis (Sunday 10/8)

It's that time of year!
We need individually
wrapped candy for our Fall
Festival! Bins are located
outside the church office.



WMU General Meeting

Monday, October 9

10:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Special Recognitions

RFT: In memory of Nora Williams by Ken and Judy Hill; by Frances Eddings. In memory of Doris Fancher, on her birthday, 10/8, by Gerald & Peggy Hicks and family. In loving memory of Nora Williams, our sister in Christ by the Low Impact Exercise Group.

ESL: In memory of Doris Fancher, on her birthday, 10/8, by Deborah Dabbs.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebboxes will be available starting

October 15

Please NO candy or toothpaste

\$9 shipping

Boxes are due back November 19