



September 21, 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:

September 24

Sunday

Prayer Walk	8:45 pm
Small Groups	9:00 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Sign Language	4:00 pm
Puppets	5:00 pm
Golden Heirs Musical	6:00 pm

CFLC Roof & Fellowship Hall Lift Goal
\$205,000

Current:
\$72,324

September 17 we raised:
\$27,580

Tithes/Offerings September 17:

\$9,891

2017 Total: \$530,985

Attendance

Small Groups:	218
Morning Worship:	266
Evening Worship:	86
Wednesday Night:	117



Childcare (9/24)

Brad Abney

Faith Abney

Cheryl Amerson

Kate Chandler

Lynn Johnson

Praise Pals (9/24)

Nancy Williams

Kids in Him (September)

Carin Hill

Lori McGriff

Jesus and Me (September)

Shamblin Griffice

Bridget Cook

Security Patrol (9/24)

Jimmy Waldrop

Comer Justice

Danny Orton

Deacon Hospital Visits

David Hayes (Friday 9/22)

Dwain Murphree (Saturday 9/23)

Danny Orton (Sunday 9/24)

A Note from the Pastor...

Have you ever seen a picture that you can never forget? The artist's rendering of Jesus that hung on my grandmother's refrigerator is forever etched in my mind. It hung right below the paddle, so I spent a lot of time looking at it. In our hyper-connected, digital age, we share the images of our lives with one another through Facebook, Instagram, and other platforms which connects us in a more intimate way that we have ever been connected before. We share special moments, meals, and so much more with a tap of our fingers.

When PRBC's search committee approached me, I began to thoroughly study the church and community in every way possible. Facebook became one of the main indicators of what the church was and wanted to be. One of the pictures that spoke volumes to me, was a picture of the church gathered in small groups across the sanctuary praying for the future pastor. In that picture and that moment of the church's history there seemed to be a genuine dependence on God and a longing for Him to reveal the next step of his plan.

This past Sunday, we were challenged by our passage to depend on God's power which is evidenced by our prayer. It was obvious that the church was depending on God to give guidance in the pastor search because the church was praying. Our prayers are the indicators of the areas of our lives in which we are genuinely seeking God's power. For example, if I want to be a good father, but I am not praying for God to guide me and strengthen me as a father; I am parenting out of my own strength, not God's. The things we pray about are the things we are genuinely trusting to God.

As I have pondered this reality this week, the command to pray without ceasing has taken on a whole new weight. If we are to give our lives completely to God and trust his sovereign power in everything, it becomes impossible to end our prayer because every moment brings another opportunity to give something new to Him.

Prayer began our relationship as pastor and church, and I am convinced that prayer is the key to God's glory through our relationship. In my life, it seems, that the more I understand of God and myself, the more I realize that I need Him more. Church, our nation needs God more today than ever before. Do our prayers reflect this reality? What are you praying for? What are you trying to handle on your own? Let's commit today to give everything to Him.

I look forward to seeing you back in church this week. Invite someone to come with you.

Dr. Josh Cook

Golden Heirs Musical

Sunday

September 24

6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

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



Special Recognitions

RFT: In memory of Brandon Conwill & Stan Reach by M/M Dave Stringfellow. In memory of Stan Reach by Ross Clemons. In memory of Doris Fancher by Carolyn Frame; by Jackie Little. In memory of Bill Rotenberry by family. In honor of our SS Class by Sam & Janice Poole. In memory of Charlie Brown by Laverne Stevens. In honor of Nella Gossett by the Janney Group.

Music: In honor of the Golden Heirs & Jonathan Riddle.

Thank You notes from: The Brown Family; Ken & Judy Hill.

