



May 19, 2016

# 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 22

### Sunday

Prayer Walk	8:45 pm
Sunday School	9:00 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Puppets	5:15 pm
Evening Worship	6:00 pm

## FELLOWSHIP DINNER

May 25

Beef Tips & Rice

Green Beans

Apples

Kids Menu

Popcorn Chicken

Adults \$5 Kids \$2

Call by Monday, May 23

for Cancellations

If you have a permanent reservation, you must call to cancel or you will still have to pay.

### Attendance

Sunday School:	251
Morning Worship:	284
Evening Worship	155
Wednesday Night:	128

### Tithes/Offerings May 15:

\$11,589

Total in 2016: \$311,902

RFT: \$35,493



Nursery

### Childcare (5/22)

Bridget Cook  
Frances Eddings  
Sherry Glasgow  
Billy Hill  
April Smith

### Kids in Him (May)

Martha Waldrop  
Madison Shearer

### Jesus and Me (May)

Janice Poole  
Mindy Ellis

## A Note from the Pastor...

I am not in church.

Sure, I have visited churches several times, but I gave up.

For the most part, the people were unfriendly in the churches. No one greeted me unless it was some contrived greeting time. No one noticed me while they gathered in their holy huddles. One church member sat down by me and told me I was sitting in her pew. I decided to leave right then.

I am not in church.

But I really would like to know more about Christianity.

Unfortunately, most of the sermons I hear seem watered down. Too many of the preachers tend to shy away from dealing with the biblical text straight on. I want to learn, but they just seem to want to please.

I am not in church.

I could make you a list of over 100 things churches are against. The topics range from the serious to the ridiculous. I sure would like to find a church that also tells me what they are for.

I am not in church.

But I need help. I know I need help. There are times I hurt badly and seek answers. I was hoping to find some of those answers at church. I was hoping to meet people who cared. I was hoping to be in place where I am treated with dignity and care.

I am not in church.

My co-worker goes to church. I even know where he's a member. But he's never invited me. My neighbor goes to church. My children play with her children. I see their family go to church every Sunday. But she's never invited me. I would go if she did. I would definitely go.

I am not in church.

But church members don't seem to care. They seem too busy to care. No one speaks to me. No one invites me. No one shows concern for me.

I am not in church.

I am not anti-church. I am not anti-Christian. I am really seeking answers. I am really looking for people who care.

I am not in church.

But I think I would like to be.

This article was originally published at [ThomRainer.com](http://ThomRainer.com) on May 9, 2016. Thom S. Rainer serves as president and CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources. Among his greatest joys are his family: his wife Nellie Jo; three sons, Sam, Art, and Jess; and nine grandchildren. Dr. Rainer can be found on Twitter @ThomRainer and at [facebook.com/Thom.S.Rainer](https://www.facebook.com/Thom.S.Rainer).

## Joint Service with Integrity Church

Sunday, May 22

6:00 pm

Located at the former Industrial City Baptist Church 121 Ivy Ave

## CFLC Personnel

Position Available

Applications available in the church office

## GA's Diaper Drive

for the Alabama Baptist Children's Home

Please donate larger size diapers Basket outside the office

## Calling Post

If the church calls you, please wait 10 seconds and listen. The calling post has a delay.



## Security Patrol Sunday (5/22)

Travis Kelley  
Wayne Holmes  
Terry Hagood

## Deacon Hospital Visits

Conrad Wellbaum (Friday 5/20)  
Robert McLellan (Saturday 5/21)  
David Amerson (Sunday 5/22)

## Special Recognitions

**Jesus Pantry:** In memory of Bill Rotenberry by William Mills; by Patricia Pope; by John & Tammy Lemay; by William Wright; by Ken & Judy Hill; by Frances Eddings; by the Leaves of Gold SS Class; by Bob & Melba Fleming; by Bob & Charlotte Harmon; by Robert & Susan McLellan; by JD & Barbara Mims; by James & Willodean Salter; by Sylvia Morgan; by Ann Johnson. In memory of Bill Rotenberry & Anne Burks by David & Jessica Hayes. In memory of Bill Rotenberry & Doris Peters by Charles & Sue Turner.

**Cemetery:** In memory of Savannah & Elisha Lee by Nellie Ruth Hester.

**CFLC:** In memory of Bill Rotenberry, our brother in Christ, by the Low Impact Exercise Class. In memory of Bill Rotenberry by Dave & Mary Stringfellow.

**Music:** In memory of Anne Love Burks by Paul Reynolds.

**RFT:** In memory of Bill Rotenberry by Bud & Dannie Junkins.

**Veteran's:** In memory of Bill Rotenberry by Jim & Marilyn Sadler.

**WMU:** In memory of Doris Peters by Rachel Myers.

**Thank You notes from:** The Rotenberry's & Deadwylers; Connie Sparks; Herb & Jean Putnam.