



August 25, 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
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2016 Elected Deacons

Joe Counts, Jr. Jimmy Deadwyler
Randal Griffice Fred Howard
Charles Wood

A Note from the Pastor...

I am excited to have finally reached the last section of Ephesians. Spiritual warfare is something that we should all be prepared for. We will spend several weeks studying the armor of God in Ephesians 6 because we need to be intimately familiar with the weapons that we have been given to fight this invisible battle.

What does spiritual warfare look like? We may be tempted to think that all spiritual warfare resembles scenes from horror movies like *The Exorcist*. I do believe that demon possession and oppression are real and still happen today, but spiritual warfare is more than possessions and exorcisms. In many cases, the spiritual warfare that we face will be subtle and better disguised.

Spiritual warfare may feel like a bad mood in some cases of demon oppression. Other times it may have the appearance of a common sense decision or a simple choice. I am convinced that much of the spiritual warfare that we experience occurs during our personal Bible study and during the time of decision in our corporate worship time. When the Holy Spirit speaks to us and we refuse to obey him, we are active participants in a spiritual battle.

We should remember that there are two aspects of our participation in this way. First, we are to submit to God. We should always be listening to the Spirit and ready to obey. If He guides us to say something to someone or come to the altar to pray, we must obey. Second, we must stand against Satan. We should have the discernment to recognize the voice of God and the voices of wickedness.

Are you prepared to fight the good fight this week? Your assignment may be as simple as telling someone that Jesus loves them. The stakes are too high for failure to be an option. Let's commit that we will be faithful as we march forward this week. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday in church.

Dr. Josh Cook

Sunday Schedule:

August 28

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

Tithes/Offerings August 21:

\$8,372

Total in 2016: \$525,922

RFT: \$39,256

Attendance

Sunday School:	265
Morning Worship:	291
Evening Worship	108
Wednesday Night:	86

Help repay the Contingency Fund for our new roof!



ESL
(English as a Second Language)
Classes are Thursday's at 9:00 AM in the North Wing

There will be NO
The Master's Craftsmen Workday
September 3 for
Labor Day Weekend



September 4—Church Facilities close at Noon for Labor Day

September 5—Church Facilities closed for Labor Day

September 11—Grandparents Day Brunch

September 18—Back to Church Emphasis
Baby Bucks for Sav-A-Life

September 21—See You at the Pole

September 25—The Lord's Supper in A.M. Service

Baby Bucks
Sunday, September 18
We are asking that everyone "Bring A Buck" to go towards the Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource Center.

Nursery

Childcare (8/28)

Sara Davis
Melba Fleming
Bebe George
Peggy Hicks
Betsy Simpson

Kids in Him (August)

Cheryl Abney
Christina Dargan

Jesus and Me (August)

Rebecca Dillon
Lara Etling

VOLUNTEER

Security Patrol Sunday (8/28)

Travis Kelley
Wayne Holmes
Terry Hagood

Deacon Hospital Visits

Conrad Wellbaum (Friday 8/26)
Robert McLellan (Saturday 8/27)
Herb Kirby (Sunday 8/28)

Special Recognitions

Jesus Pantry: In memory of Jim Barnhill by Maurice & Betty Allen; by Dave & Mary Stringfellow; by the Wheelers SS Class; by the Loyal Workers SS Class. **ESL:** In honor of Charlotte Harmon by Mary Stringfellow & Martha Waldrop. **Contingency for Roof:** In memory of Jim Barnhill by Jane Bellew; by Ron & Donna Roper; by Charles & Janice Hulgán & Velma Cherry. **Budget:** In memory of Doris Edmonds by the Loyal Workers SS Class. **Veteran's:** In memory of Jim Barnhill by Ken & Judy Hill. **Music:** In memory of Jim Barnhill by Ron & Dorothy Moore; by Ron Shuff. In memory of Robert Dabbs by Ron Shuff. **Thank you note from:** Linda Dabbs.