



September 1, 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:

September 4

Sunday	
Prayer Walk	8:45 pm
Small Groups	9:00 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am

Tithes/Offerings August 28:

\$9,975

Total in 2016: \$535,898

RFT: \$39,351

Attendance

Small Groups:	248
Morning Worship:	291
Evening Worship:	110
Wednesday Night:	203



Nursery

Childcare (9/4)

Myra Dees
 Mary Elliott
 Mike Elliott
 Dona Love
 Vickie Reynolds

Kids in Him (September)

Carin Hill
 Lori McGriff

Jesus and Me (September)

Shamblin Griffice
 Bridget Cook

Church Facilities closed at Noon
 on Sunday, September 4
 Church Facilities closed
 Monday, September 5 in
 observance of 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

ESL

(English as a Second Language)

**Classes are Thursday's at 9:00 AM
 in the North Wing**

Baby Bucks

Sunday, September 18

We are asking that everyone
 "Bring A Buck" to go towards the
 Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource Center.

Young Adult Small Group

for ages 17-25

Wednesday's at 7:30 pm at
 Josh & Bridget Cook's house
 225 Laird Ave.



**Help repay the
 Contingency
 Fund for our
 new roof!**



Security Patrol Sunday (9/4)

Robert McLellan
 Frank Easterling
 Sam Poole

Deacon Hospital Visits

Lee Anthony (Friday 9/2)
 Allen Myers (Saturday 9/3)
 Sam Poole (Sunday 9/4)

A Note from the Pastor...

I hope you are having a blessed week. I am overwhelmed at the way God is working in our church and through our ministries. We have been challenged to push back the darkness in Hueytown and the surrounding area by reflecting God's light in as many ways as possible. Our new ESL class is a great example of a new ministry that opens doors for us in parts of our community that we are not reaching. We have already seen relationships built through this ministry and we are anticipating life-changing decisions in the future.

As we begin new ministries, we must also examine our current ministries for their effectiveness and for opportunities to expand or improve them. One way that we are seeking to improve our small group ministry is by broadening the times and places that we have them. I love Sunday School, but we know we can reach more people by having small groups throughout the week and around our community.

Last week we began a new small group for college-age students (a largely neglected part of our congregation) at my house on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. Many of these students are learning to balance work, school, family, and church; and Wednesday night is a great time for them to meet. We may never be able to get everyone to come to our Sunday morning small groups, but by starting small groups in homes, parks and restaurants, we can take our small groups to everyone.

My question for you today is simple. How can you be a part of taking our small groups to our community? Could a group meet in your home? Could you facilitate a group that meets somewhere? Imagine small groups at Jack's at breakfast time, before an exercise class at 5 AM, or in your home with your neighbors over coffee. The possibilities are endless. I know most of you can help in some way and I look forward to you letting me know how. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday. Have a blessed week.

Dr. Josh Cook

Special Recognitions

Jesus Pantry: In memory of Doris Ethridge by the Low Impact Exercise Class.
Contingency for Roof: In memory of Jim Barnhill by John & Mindy Ellis. In memory of John Farr by James & Willodean Salter; by Laverne Stevens. In memory of Bill Turner by Margaret Turner. In memory of Doris Ethridge by Laverne Stevens. In memory of Jim Barnhill & in honor of Wanda Barnhill, In memory of John Farr & in honor of Doris & family, In memory of Doris Ethridge & in honor of her family by Buster & Betty Kornegay. **Budget:** In memory of Robert Dabbs & Doris Ethridge by Carolyn Frame. In honor of Julia Bonham by the Joy SS Class. In memory of John Farr by Mark & Joy Whitlow. **Music:** In memory of John Farr by Charles & Betty Wright. **Friendship Class:** In memory of John Farr by Mark & Joy Whitlow. **Thank you notes from:** Dwain & Sue Murphree; Karen Ramsey, Melissa Bousack & Melanie Addy; Joy Whitlow.