



The LifeVine

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
13800 Aiken Road
Louisville, KY. 40245-4624
(502) 245-4250

Nonprofit Org
US Postage
PAID
Louisville KY
Permit No. 835

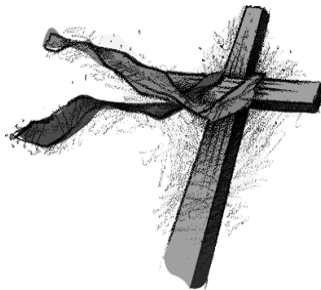
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

www.pgbconline.org pgbconline@bellsouth.net

Volume 16

March 2016

Issue 03



Servants, in His Service

Louis H. Humes
Sr. Pastor

Mary Rumsey	Music Minister
Alan Kern	Youth Minister
Kay Edwards	Pianist
Pat Krider	Organist
Angela Humes	Secretary

Worship and Study Times

Sunday

Sunday School	9:45am
Morning Worship	10:55am

Wednesday

Children's Choir	5:45pm
Church Supper	6:15pm
Prayer Meeting	7:00pm
Children & Youth	7:00pm
Adult Choir	7:00pm

*Please join us, Sunday
March 20
for our Easter Musical
10:55am*

News and Announcements



Thank you...

Bro. Louis,

Thank you so much for providing such a nice service for Lorraine (Belden). The generosity your congregation showed our family was appreciated.

Thanks again, Jennifer Roberson



When you made the decision to give a lifesaving blood donation, you helped save lives.

Thank you for choosing to donate blood with the American Red Cross.



Bro. Louis and Pleasant Grove;

Thank-you so much for the lovely Service and meal following Bartie's Service. We all enjoyed it. Also, thank-you for the purchase of Gideon Bibles. What a lasting tribute to Bartie! She loved Pleasant Grove very much! We love and appreciate all of you.

Bill, Jack, Dorease and Joanne



Dear Pastor Humes,

Thank you for opening your doors for our community health screening in your community. It is because of your generosity that Life Line Screening continues to be able to bring these health screenings into your area and for that, we are very appreciative. We look forward to working together again!

We appreciate all your help and support with hosting this community outreach event.

Sincerely, Debbie Hite, Life Line Screening



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26, 11am

Ages through 6th Grade

The church will provide hot dogs and drinks.

Please bring a side dish to share.



March Fellowship Activities



Murder Mystery Dinner Bristol Bar & Grill March 12 @ 6pm

We will meet at the Bristol Bar & Grill 614 W. Main St. You will sit with other members and friends, order your own food and beverages and enjoy the show!!

See me with any questions or give me a call at 541-6737

Laura Griffin



Seder Celebration



Please mark your calendar and plan to be a part of our Seder Celebration on Thursday, March 24, 2016, at 6:15pm. (It is replacing the Wednesday evening meal that occurs before Prayer Meeting, Children, Youth and Adult Choir activities so we always keep it at the same time and just move it to Thursday!)

We are remembering and honoring the last meal that Jesus and His disciples enjoyed together before going to the Garden of Gethsemane where He was arrested and brought to trial before being crucified!

We will pause to remember the importance of that Passover celebration, enjoy some very upbeat music and celebrate the Lord's Supper together before we are finished. In addition, all the children 12 and under will receive at least one Gold dollar just for being there!




It is our usual Potluck Meal so we really need you to come and bring some of your favorite food to share with everybody to make this event a success!



One more reminder!! The choir will be presenting their Easter Musical on Sunday morning, March 20, at 10:55am. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend, family member, neighbor, someone you met at Kroger, etc. to church with you. Music speaks to everyone's heart. Make plans now to attend!!

March 2016 Calendar of Events & Birthdays

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Web Page www.pgbconline.org E-Mail pgbconline@bellsouth.net

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 <i>Linda Beville</i>	2 8 Deacons' Mtg. <i>Erin Kirk</i>	3	4 <i>Tom Pedigo</i>	5 10 Bowling
6	7 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Panera 7 Recreation	8 <i>Tyler Hammond</i>	9 7 Business Mtg.	10	11 <i>Kevin Whelan</i>	12 Time Changes Spring Forward!  6 Mystery Theatre
13 2:30 Masonic Home 4 Church Council <i>Bill Gadd</i>	14 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Home Run 7 Recreation	15	16 <i>Holly Clark</i> <i>Ryu Goeku</i>	17	18 11:30 Silver Servants	19
20 10:55 Easter Musical	21 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Capt. Ds 7 Recreation <i>Claudia Golt</i>	22	23 No Activities <i>Bill Sullivan</i>	24 6:15 Seder Celebration!	25 Good Friday. 	26 11 Easter Egg Hunt
27 He Is Risen!  <i>Gary Ermspiker</i>	28 5:30 Recreation Meal @ McAlister's 7 Recreation <i>Mike McKinney</i>	29 <i>Austin Hunsaker</i>	30	31	Regular Schedule Sundays 945 Sunday School 1055 Worship	Wednesdays 5:45 Kid's Choir 615 Dinner 700 Prayer Mtg. Children & Youth Adult Choir

Pastor's Paragraphs . . .

Easter. It is a date that comes around on the calendar once every year. Almost every time we hear that title, many of us think of Easter Dresses, Easter Egg Hunts, White Gloves and Sunrise celebrations. (*Yes, the white gloves reference dates some of us, doesn't it?*) Easter also sparks debate among some Christians about whether or not we should even celebrate the secular aspects and use that term; or should we say "Resurrection Sunday" and then skip all the baskets, hunts and parties.

I have been saddened each of the past ten years to hear ministers complain and decry the '**people who only come to Church on Christmas and Easter!**' and the churches who go out of the way to try and welcome them and celebrate their presence. If you are new to our Church family since last year's celebration of Easter, you should know that I am an 'odd duck' in the ministry.

I will welcome you to our Resurrection Celebration on Easter Sunday with joyful abandon along with any and all who show up that day for the first time! It will be without any regret or chastisement for those who are not active suddenly appearing for Church! I'll be glad to see any and everybody who shows up for worship.

However, I will also welcome you (*Along with your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends*) to our Easter Egg Hunt the day before! Bunnies, Eggs, toys and candy will be celebrated with reckless abandon and without any regret or chastisement!

In addition to all of that, I will encourage you to make an entire week of the Easter Celebration. Start by making plans to attend our Musical on Palm Sunday **and invite family and friends to join you!** Then make special plans and a special effort to share in our Seder Celebration on the Thursday before Easter. It is a simply wonderful for both learning and celebrating our heritage as part of God's plan and God's family. I will also invite you to join us for a Sunrise Celebration Service at 7am in Middletown Park and *to go to First Baptist Middletown for a free breakfast afterwards!*

Why all the fuss? What's the big deal? Why didn't I put the dates in the three previous paragraphs? Well, I didn't put the dates in because they are on the calendar and I want you to look them up. Perhaps if you put in that little extra effort it will help you to remember the dates better and participate more fully.

However, there is a much larger reason for making such a big deal out of this celebration. Although we give lip service to the truth, many of us aren't really living as if the truth is the truth. What do I mean?

Easter, or Resurrection Sunday, is MUCH MORE than a date that occurs on the calendar once every year. It is the one abiding truth that affirms and empowers every other aspect of our faith! If Jesus was raised from the dead then we can trust everything He said and did; which means we can trust God's Word, Plan and God Himself!!

I am fortunate to have a friend in the ministry who shared the following article which he said came from Michael Duduit, who writes his thoughts professionally so that they can be spread among others.

I speak with pastors and church leaders who feel they have reached a dead-end. They are frustrated being in a church where there seems little hope of growth; or they face challenges and would love to move to a new church, but feel there is no hope for that happening.

This reminder from Rick Warren's *Daily Hope* newsletter might speak to you today: "How do you know when you're at a dead-end?" You know it when things get out of your control and you can't do anything about it.

You need to remember what God can do. The situation may be out of your control, but it's not out of God's control. When you face a dead-end, don't focus on what you can't do. Focus instead on what God can do. Romans 4:17 says of Abraham, that "He believed, God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.

There are two things God does that you can't do: He can give life to the dead, and He can create something out of nothing. If God can give life to a dead man, He can give life to a dead career. He can bring life to that dead marriage. He can bring life to that dead dream. He can bring life to that financial dead-end.

When you face things that are out of your control, you need something more than a positive mental attitude. You need faith in God, because He can control it when you can't. Most of life is beyond your control, so you need faith far more than you need positive thinking. Jesus says in Luke 18:27, "The things that are impossible with people are possible with God." God specializes in the impossible. It's called a miracle, and he can do it in your life! He is ready to turn your dead-end into deliverance.

I know that some of you reading this article have faced a funeral. Some have walked into the valley of the shadow of death and feel like you are still there. Some of you have heard a Doctor's diagnosis that still doesn't make sense or seem real. Some have been forced into employment changes. Some have accompanied loved ones into broken homes, court rooms, prisons and rehab centers. Many of you have also had to face your own aging and mortality. Every bit of that is beyond your power to control. You have felt helpless.

But you are not helpless. He is Risen! He can do in you, through you and for you what you cannot do, in through or for yourself. That is a Big Deal! A Huge Deal!! A life-changing eternity-changing Deal!!! So let's celebrate it that way!!!!

In Christ Jesus, Bro. Louis

Fruit from "The Grove" . . .

February has been a fruitful month. We have not only added a few new members to our now rather large youth group, but we have been outputting a lot more work: coat drives, volunteer work, and our outreach event: the lock in.

If you'll remember last month, I set out to accomplish primarily one goal together with our youth: to glorify God and enjoy him forever. Specifically, that meant three things: Bible readings, prayer, and fellowship. How have we been doing so far, you ask?

First, in our Bible readings, we have finished up to Matthew 8-9. I have spent now countless hours specializing on the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7, and the youth are visibly impacted by this radical message from Jesus. So far, we now have Romans, Ephesians, and about a third of Matthew finished.

Second, in our prayer lives, we have spent an increasing amount of time on both Wednesdays and Sundays in prayer. About three weeks ago, we spent forty minutes in prayer through Ephesians! None of the youth have ever deliberately prayed such a long time. We will continue to emphasize a personal, experiential, and intimate prayer life in our gatherings.

Lastly, we have enjoyed playing several games briefly before our meetings. The new members of the youth group are beginning to gel together. We even hosted a Super Bowl party and had quite a turn out. We look forward to closer friendships and brotherhood/sisterhood among our youth.

The work continues. Pray that God continues to supply to us the strength necessary for us to output good works from a sincere heart of faith.

*Serving Christ,
Bro. Alan*

Mary's Notes . . .

I Need Thee Every Hour!

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by; Temptations lose their power when Thou art near.

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain. Come quickly and abide or life is vain.

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One. Oh, make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son!

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee. O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee!

These words were written by Annie Hawks in 1872. She was a housewife and a mother of three living in Brooklyn, New York. She was going about her daily routine when suddenly she felt such a strong sense of the Master with her. She wrote the lyrics to this tune right away.

In today's troublesome times, it's a nice reminder that we are never without our Master. Where ever you are in your daily routine, take time to hum this tune in your head, or aloud, and draw the lyrics close to your heart. Take time to talk to God. Thank Him for the many blessings in your life and ask Him for help and guidance with your tasks and situations.

Our country has so many volatile issues going on it's hard to know where to turn for help dealing with the overwhelming challenges that we face. Just remember **I Need Thee Every Hour!** and turn to God!!

If you're not a fan of reading the Bible daily because it can be so hard to understand, turn to the lyrics of our hymns and let them guide you in understanding.

Singing God's Praises!

Mary Rumsey

The Children's Corner . . .

Beautiful, Inside and out

Children learn at a relatively young age how to dress themselves. Little girls seem to be drawn to pretty dresses, they like everything to coordinate and there is no such thing as too much "bling". Little boys are somewhat different and can require assistance well into young-adulthood in order to look...well, presentable.

While we should care about what children look like on the outside, it is much vital that we understand dressing up their inside is far more important than dressing up their outside.

We need to spend time teaching our children how to repay meanness with kindness, how to take up for a child who is being bullied, how to tell the truth, how to play fair and how to be honest. We need to teach our children they can always talk to God and He will always listen. Children are never too little to hear that God loves them and watches over them.

The easiest way to dress up the inside of our children is to give them every opportunity to hear God's word and see God's work in the life of their family at home and their family at church. With God's guidance and our love and watch care, they will grow to be beautiful, both "inside and out".



Loving & Leading Our

Children, Linda Beville

Daily Bible Reading Plan. . .

March

- 1. Deuteronomy 1, 2
- 2. Deuteronomy 3-5
- 3. Deuteronomy 6-8
- 4. Deuteronomy 9-11
- 5. Deuteronomy 12-14
- 6. Deuteronomy 15-18
- 7. Deuteronomy 19-22
- 8. Deuteronomy 23-26
- 9. Deuteronomy 27-28
- 10. Deuteronomy 29-31
- 11. Deuteronomy 32-34
- 12. Joshua 1-4
- 13. Joshua 5-7
- 14. Joshua 8-9
- 15. Joshua 10-12
- 16. Joshua 13-15
- 17. Joshua 16-18
- 18. Joshua 19-21
- 19. Joshua 22-24
- 20. Judges 1-3
- 21. Judges 4-6
- 22. Judges 7-8
- 23. Judges 9-10
- 24. Judges 11-13
- 25. Judges 14-17
- 26. Judges 18-19
- 27. Judges 20-21
- 28. Ruth 1-4
- 29. I Samuel 1-3
- 30. I Samuel 4-7
- 31. I Samuel 8-11

April

- 1. I Samuel 12-14
- 2. I Samuel 15-16
- 3. I Samuel 17-18
- 4. I Samuel 19-21
- 5. I Samuel 22-24
- 6. I Samuel 25-27
- 7. I Samuel 28-31



*"Your Word is a
lamp unto my feet and a
light unto my path."
Psalm 119: 105*

Stewardship Report

We want to express sincere appreciation for your faithfulness through Tithes and Offerings.

Here is our report through February 21. Please continue to be faithful so that we may bring glory to God and may He bless you richly as a result!!

2016 BUDGET SUMMARY
\$ 223,434.00 \$ 4,222.00 per week

Through week 08

General Fund Needs	\$ 33,776.00
General Fund Receipts	\$ 30,827.37
Designated Receipts	\$ 4,176.00
Total General & Designated	\$ 35,003.37
Total Receipts to Date	\$ 35,527.37
CTL Fund	\$ 30,569.89

Sunday School, a Place for YOU . . .

Thank you Sunday School teachers and students! It's not a big deal to change the location of your class if it's not for a long time. But, many of you have even had to change buildings! You are meeting in an unfamiliar room, or choir loft, and don't have all your usual supplies, wall posters and other things. So, again, I thank you for your willingness to make these temporary changes. I think you will be very happy with the end results!!

Ok, here we go again . . . (*I know that is what you will be thinking when I finish this thought . . . But, here goes anyway*).

We haven't had the need for someone to be in the nursery during Sunday School for a long time. There are families with

small children who are attending our worship services. How do we encourage them to come to Sunday School knowing that when they get here there is no one to take care of their children? Please give this prayerful consideration. If we had 4 - 5 people willing to take one Sunday a month we would quickly have it covered! There are some sweet rewards such as Hugs; Smiles; Laughter; Even a "*Hey there's my teacher!*" when they see you, that come to you for doing this job. I promise you will receive a blessing!

See ya Sunday. Teachers, please be on time. We start at 9:45am.

Hugs, Angela Humes

Blood Drive . . .

We had our quarterly blood drive on February 4, 2016 from 2:00 to 7:00pm. Our blood drive was successful and the Red Cross was pleased with the results. We had 29 people register, but 5 were deferred. Thus, we actually collected 24 units of blood. Each unit of blood can help as many as 3 people, so we have the potential to help as many as 72 people who need blood.

The need for blood is always critical, so we are trying to do our part in helping to supply this much needed blood. Approximately every 2 seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Our goal is to get every single eligible donor to come out to our blood drive and donate this life-saving gift. Giving blood truly makes you a real life hero.

We do want to thank all those who have given blood so faithfully in the past, and those who have supported our blood drives in various other ways.

We had door prizes again. The winners are listed below:

<u>DOOR PRIZE</u>	<u>DONATED BY</u>	<u>WINNER</u>
\$30 McAlister's gift	Daugherty Insurance	Alan Kern
\$25 Bob Evans gift	PGBC	Tim Scrogam
\$25 Dairy Queen gift	Dairy Queen	Al Knecht
\$25 Walmart gift card	Walmart Stores	Dennis Amyx

Congratulations to the lucky winners. Thanks to June for the delicious baked goods. Our next blood drive will be on Thursday, May 12, 2016.

Yours, in Christ's Service, Russell G. Gadd