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Homecoming 211!!
September 25th
9am Breakfast
9:45am Sunday School
10:55am Worship
12:30pm Dinner on the Grounds

Servants, in His Service

Louis H. Humes
Sr. Pastor

Mary Rumsey Music Minister
Alan Kern Youth Minister
Kay Edwards Pianist
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



News and Announcements

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Dear Bro. Louis & Angela,

Thank you again for all of the prayers from you all. Now I have many more friends in Christ. I may not meet you all on this earth, but I will in the next. The prayers are helping. I seem to improve a little each day.
Love, Velda & Al Seiferheld

Hello Friends at Pleasant Grove,

Thank you for your prayers for our family during a time of uncertainty due to an automobile accident. Bro. Louis & Angela's visit was not only timely but so reassuring! Thank you so much for all the love and concern.

*Johnny & Donna Downs
Ben, Cathy & Simon Robertson*

Family & Friends of Pleasant Grove Baptist,

We truly appreciate each of you who have and are praying for us. May God Bless each of you. So loving for each of you to sign the card. May God continue to keep you faithful.

*God Bless,
James & Corlett Edwards*

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

Homecoming 211 . . . September 25th

WOW . . . 211 years we have been reaching lost souls for the Lord. We will have a Grand Celebration starting with Sunday School followed by Worship then Dinner on the Grounds. Chicken, rolls and drinks will be provided. Everyone needs to bring 2 side dishes and/or desserts to share.

The Worship Service will be full of music and testimonies and perhaps a surprise or two. Invite past members and friends. This will be a great time of fellowship as we celebrate the Legacy of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

See or call Laura Griffin (541-6737) with any questions or requests.



This month marks the start of our Sunday School High Attendance and Growth Campaign!

We are going to award points to each class for different ways they are faithful to our Lord and our Church beyond just attending a SS class. Here is a Chart you can keep as a reminder:

- 10pts Present for the Breakfast (By 9:30am)*
- 10pts Present in your class (By 10am)*
- 10pts Phone calls and cards to prospects/inactive*
- 15pts Home visits to prospects/inactive*
- 15pts Bringing a 1st time Guest to your class*
- 15pts Bringing a 1st time child to Sunday School*
- 25pts Bringing your Bible*
- 25pts Enrolling a New Member in your class*
- 25pts Staying to attend our Worship Service*

*That is a **minimum** of 150pts that each individual can earn for your class every week! In addition, we will add 100pts to each class each week for enthusiastic and happy participation in a Game!*

Please choose one or two people who can record your numbers during SS and also someone who can track your class attendance in Worship and tell Angela who they are soon!

Stick this bulletin in your purse or Bible and start to prepare now and who knows how many points you and your class will earn . . . or how many people we will reach together for the Lord and our Church through this Sunday School High Attendance Campaign during the month of September.

Pleasant Happenings . . .

Come & join us at our Bunco Party and Family Game Night for fun & fellowship Saturday, Sept. 10, 5 - 8pm. Bring your favorite finger foods for dinner; and for dessert...we will be have a bake off! Bring your best homemade dessert and everyone will have a chance to vote on their favorite. This is a great partner for our Sunday School High Attendance campaign in September. Bring a friend or two. As always, there will be door prizes! Questions?

See Laura or call 541-6737

Pastor's Paragraphs . . .

Before I get too busy and forget about it, let me share a special word of appreciation from my sweet wife.

Dear Pleasant Grove Family,

Thank you for all the love and concern shown for our Mama, Iva Phelps, over the last several years. She always loved to visit our Church Family! And, she felt very at home here.

Now it's time to say **"Thank you"** for all the love shown to our family in Mama's passing. We were so blessed by how many of you came to Mama's Service. Thank you for the prayers, cards and phone calls that we received and continue to receive. Please know that each one is appreciated and we love you very much.

Bro. Louis, Angela and our extended family

Yes, I realize that I could have shared that message on the second page with all the other Thank-you messages. That's what Angela and I usually do. But this was an especially important message for us to share and it just seemed important to place it in with the rest of this article so I asked her to write it here.

I also asked her to write her message *before* I wrote anything else. Why? Because that message serves as a great reminder of what we are really about as a Church. Sometimes we get really busy with our activities, programs and services but we forget WHY we have them in the first place. We focus on the numbers included in things like attendance and budgets but we forget WHY those numbers are important.

Consider the following words of instruction found in **2 Cor. 2:15-17**: **For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing;** ¹⁶**to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?** ¹⁷**For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.** Now read those words again and think about how they apply to you personally.

If we are not careful, we forget the real context for our existence as a Church in our community and in the world. If God's only interest in saving us was to secure our place in Heaven for eternity, then why would He need to leave us here on earth after we were saved? Many churches act as if the reason we are here is to be involved in programs of fellowship, service and worship.

Yet that makes the church merely one more social club such as Kiwanis, Masons, Rotary, Shriners, etc. While it is undeniable that those groups often provide valuable service to their communities, we cannot afford to become merely one more social club. I do NOT say that word 'merely' to denigrate or criticize those groups; rather I say it because compared to an '*Eternal*' benefit or service, all other benefits or services are limited to this earth and are, thus, '*merely temporary*' in value.

The real point is that the Church is charged with a mission that is literally Life or Death. Think about the difference that makes in viewing the following two pictures.



Youth Group Bowling and Arcade



Children's Church Lemonade/Missions Stand

Your attendance, offerings, service and prayers make our Children and Youth Ministries possible. I could have shown you those pictures as a glimpse of SOME of what they have done to encourage your continued faithfulness. Yet if those memories and relationships the kids are making were limited to this world, how much are they really worth? For example, how many specific memories of your own childhood and teenage years do you hold dear and celebrate today?

The fact is, by leading these young ones into a personal relationship with Jesus, we are transforming their relationships with family and friends into eternal relationships. Alzheimer's cannot really remove their memories; Death cannot end their love or their life! That is why I want you to be faithful. Look again at those pictures: think about the real impact of your prayers, gifts and service on those specific individuals. Then don't miss the chance to participate. Join a S.S. class; attend church; give as God blesses you and especially PRAY! PRAY! PRAY! for God's blessing!!!

In Christ Jesus, Bro. Louis

September 2016 Calendar of Events & Birthdays

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Regular Schedule Sundays 945 Sunday School 1055 Worship	Wednesdays 5:45 Kid's Choir 615 Dinner 700 Prayer Mtg. Children & Youth Adult Choir			1 <i>Tracey Hayes</i>	2	3 10 Bowling
4 Sunday School High Attendance	5 Labor Day	6 <i>Trish Goins</i>	7 8 Deacons' Mtg. <i>Kelly McCarter</i>	8 <i>Barbara Burch</i>	9 Silver Servants Shaker Village Trip <i>Frann Rodgers</i>	10 5-8 Bunco/Game Night <i>Natalie Mullaney</i>
11 Sunday School High Attendance 2:30 Masonic Home <i>Jan Loafman</i>	12 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Popeye's 7 Recreation <i>Ed Edmonds</i> <i>Josh Mattingly</i>	13 <i>Shawn Ballinger</i> <i>Desi Carr</i>	14 7 Business Mtg. <i>Ray Schaefer</i>	15	16 11:30 Silver Servants	17 10-2 Church Council
18 Sunday School High Attendance <i>Carolyn Bogan</i>	19 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Wendy's 7 Recreation	20 <i>Robin Goins</i>	21	22	23	24
25 Sunday School High Attendance <i>Patti Highley</i>	26 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Beef O Bradys 7 Recreation <i>Ella Goeku</i>	27 <i>Mike Rust</i> <i>Jean Schmidt</i>	28 <i>Larry Baysinger</i>	29	30	

Fruit from "The Grove" .

I normally use this space primarily to share updates about the youth group, but I feel a strong conviction to instead share a word of exhortation for parents throughout our church.

If you are a parent, I have one question to ask you this month, not as a judgment, but as a barometer:

When was the last time you conducted family worship in your home in which you personally led your children in instruction in the Word of God, in intercessory prayer, in the singing of spiritual songs, etc.?

Perhaps you cannot remember the last time you did, or perhaps you have never tried. Gently, I want to remind us of a very famous passage from the Bible: *"These commands I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home"* (Deuteronomy 6).

Paul, echoes this truth when he says that children are to be raised up *"in the instruction of the Lord"* (Ephesians 5).

It is in the home, not the youth group, that children and teenagers receive most of their instruction, whether for good or for bad. It is up to you, parents, that the influence they receive is one for their good.

Are they involved in sports? Music? Dance? Good! But these things are the planets which should orbit the sun of their spiritual life. And God, for this season of their life, has put you in charge of that.

This means you must not only be deliberate in setting aside time to instruct and lead them in worship, but you must be competent in it. This is a difficult duty, indeed! This is why our church community exists. Let's walk together in this.

*To God be the Glory,
Bro. Alan*

Mary's Notes ...

Why should you join the choir? Be part of a Praise Team? Play an instrument? Sing a special? Here are the top ten reasons you should join us:

- 10) Because it's fun!
- 9) We are told in **Psalm 96** to Sing to the Lord a new song and bless His name.
- 8) We laugh, share and love just as much as we rehearse. (*Honestly, who couldn't use a little more of that in their lives??*)
- 7) In **Psalm 98** we are told to Sing to the Lord a new Song for He has done wonderful things for us.
- 6) You'll never know how witty and funny some of the choir members are until you come to a rehearsal.

- 5) In **2 Chronicles 5:13** it is said that we should blow the trumpets, play the harps, lyres and cymbals, and sing to Praise God and glorify His name.
- 4) Music is a common language that we can all understand.
- 3) Sing in celebration that God has chosen us to save us for our sins.
- 2) Music speaks to the heart, comforts the soul and calms the woes of the day.
- 1) **To Praise God!** What could be more important! And, while we are at it, we get to give back to God of the earthly, musical talents that He has given to us.

So think about these reasons, pick whichever ones motivate you and then come and join us!!

Singing God's Praises!
Mary Rumszy

The Children's Corner ...

I am so delighted that I get to work with such sweet girls. I am still praying for little boys, but as we all know, God continues to bless me with little girls. In the last month, we have been studying women in the Bible. One week I taught on Hannah; her hopes for a son and her dream fulfilled in Samuel. Another week we spoke on redemption and Ruth's faithfulness to Naomi and how Boaz was their kinsman redeemer. Another week, I taught on Rahab with her scarlet cord and scheme to hide Joshua's two faithful spies.

There was also a week of teaching on Jacob, Rebecca and Leah (little Elizabeth in my class had a dream that was similar to Jacob's dream with the angels descending on a staircase, so she was the inspiration for that lesson). Most recently, I taught on Sarah and Abraham and God's covenant to Abraham that He would bless him and make him the father of a great nation and that promise fulfilled in Isaac.

I love these little girls and I ask that you pray for them as they embark on a new school year. They are all so precious and they fill me up each and every Sunday. Please ask God to send us more little sheep . . . a few boys would be really helpful!

Lastly, we want to thank everyone who donated to the lemonade stand on August 9, the night of the Red Cross Blood Drive. These cute little girls raised \$109.53. I told the girls that our goal was \$47 (*which would rehab one fresh water well and provide hot meals for one child for a week*). Téa told me she was believing God for \$100. After hearing that faith, we were all in and God blessed! Thanks for your generosity and for your prayers!

Be of Good Cheer,

Pam Kirchem

Daily Bible Reading Plan. . .

September

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|---------------|-------|
| 1. Ezekiel | 5-9 |
| 2. Ezekiel | 10-13 |
| 3. Ezekiel | 14-16 |
| 4. Ezekiel | 17-19 |
| 5. Ezekiel | 20-21 |
| 6. Ezekiel | 22-23 |
| 7. Ezekiel | 24-27 |
| 8. Ezekiel | 28-31 |
| 9. Ezekiel | 32-34 |
| 10. Ezekiel | 35-37 |
| 11. Ezekiel | 38-40 |
| 12. Ezekiel | 41-43 |
| 13. Ezekiel | 44-46 |
| 14. Ezekiel | 47-48 |
| 15. Daniel | 1-3 |
| 16. Daniel | 4-6 |
| 17. Daniel | 7-9 |
| 18. Daniel | 10-12 |
| 19. Hosea | 1-7 |
| 20. Hosea | 8-14 |
| 21. Joel | 1-3 |
| 22. Amos | 1-5 |
| 23. Amos | 6-9 |
| Obadiah | 1 |
| 24. Jonah | 1-4 |
| 25. Micah | 1-4 |
| 26. Micah | 5-7 |
| 27. Nahum | 1-3 |
| 28. Habakkuk | 1-3 |
| 29. Zephaniah | 1-3 |
| 30. Haggai | 1-2 |

October

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| 1. Zechariah | 1-5 |
| 2. Zechariah | 6-9 |
| 3. Zechariah | 10-14 |
| 4. Malachi | 1-4 |
| 5. Matthew | 1-4 |
| 6. Matthew | 5-6 |
| 7. Matthew | 7-9 |



*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 August 28. 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 28

General Fund Needs	\$ 147,770.00
General Fund Receipts	\$ 130,880.76
Designated Receipts	\$ 18,235.04
Total General & Designated	\$ 149,115.78
Total Receipts to Date	\$ 157,808.66
CTL Fund	\$ 19,737.95

Kroger Community Rewards

Thank you to the 37 households participating in **Kroger Community Rewards** for our Church! Together, we've raised almost **\$1,400** since we started the program last fall. Just think what we could do if everyone in our Church signed up in this free program.

Now imagine if we can get more of our "Extended" family and friends involved!! Tell them they can support us even if they do not attend our Church!

Just visit <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards> Reminder: There is more than one Pleasant Grove Church so be careful when you make your

selection. To verify that everything went through correctly, look at the bottom of each Kroger receipt for the Community Rewards section. It will say, "At your request we are donating to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church." Still have questions? Contact Kroger Gift Services office at 1-800-837-4483 (Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm)

Remember that you can ask Deb Townsend, Mary Rumsey or me for help to register or to re-enroll and we'll make it easy for you to participate in support of our Church.

Be of Good Cheer, Pam Kirchem

Red Cross Blood Drive Report . . .

This is a report on The quarterly blood drive on August 9, 2016. We had a successful blood drive! We had 34 persons register, but 5 were deferred. So, we actually collected 29 units of blood. The Red Cross was very happy with our collection. Each unit of blood can help as many as 3 patients who need blood. Thus, we have the potential to help as many as 87 people.

If you give blood, you can help save a life. If you give blood, you can help improve someone's quality of life. Of all the eligible donors, there are not many of them who give regularly. A donor regains the lost blood very quickly. So why don't more people give blood?

We had home-baked goodies again, thanks to June. We had door prizes again, The prize, the donor, and the winner are listed below:

DOOR PRIZE

- \$30 Gift Card
- \$30 in Appetizers
- \$25 Gift Card
- 1 Entrée

DONOR

- Daugherty Insurance
- Longhorn Steakhouse
- Smokey Bones
- Rafferty Restaurant

WINNER

- John Marshall
- Lauren Busch
- Patty McKinney
- Emily Busch

Congratulations to the lucky winners! Please keep our blood drives in your daily prayers.

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