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## Trunk or Treat



Saturday October 21  
6-8pm



### Servants, in His Service

Louis H. Humes  
Sr. Pastor

Mary Rumsey  
Abby Smith  
Kay Edwards  
Angela Humes

Music Minister  
Youth Minister  
Pianist  
Secretary

### Worship and Study Times

#### Sunday

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

#### Wednesday

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



# News and Announcements



## Words of Appreciation . . .

Thank you to all who are praying for me. It means so much.  
*God Bless, Mrs. Elo Bratcher*

My Dear Church Family,

Please accept my deepest appreciation for your prayers, calls, cards & concerns during the past 4 months. It truly has been challenging but with God's love, my faith & continued prayers, I truly am encouraged.

*Love in Christ, Jan Loafman*

Dear Pleasant Grove Church Family,

I would like to sincerely thank you for being my mother's (Elsie Cate) church family this past year. I don't know if you fully understand what it meant to her, but it was exactly what she needed. My heart is so tender to all of you, not just because you loved my mother well, but also for the family you have been to my precious mother-in-law, Elizabeth Sanborn, as well as my children.

Thank you for writing the notes, visiting my mom, giving a memorial to the Gideons for Bibles and even coming mom's service. Bro. Louis did such a beautiful helping us honor my mom and I am grateful to have correctly heard God saying that Pleasant Grove was the best place for my mother to be fed and nurtured! I didn't expect her membership to be short, but you all packed in a lot of love, friendliness, kindness and attention in the 7 months and I love you all for doing that!

*Your Sister in Christ, Vicki Feinn*

**Please make the following changes to your Church Directory:**

**Marilyn Whited**  
8205 Candleglow Ln  
Louisville KY 40214  
(502) 386-9740



It is time to get our shoeboxes ready for Operation Christmas Child! Please use the following guidelines. The deadline is Nov. 12 and don't forget to include \$9.<sup>00</sup> for postage.

*Pam Kirchem, Mission Committee*

The following items are great to include in the boxes:

- \* A "Wow" item
- \* Doll
- \* Soccer Ball with a manual air pump
- \* Stuffed Animal
- \* Clothing, such as socks
- \* Small Musical
- Instrument
- \* Backpack
- \* Personal Care Items
- \* School Supplies
- \* Crafts & Activities
- \* Small Toys
- \* A Personal Note

### Do not include:

Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

**Trunk or Treat**  **October 21, 6-8pm**

Decorate your trunk and bring the kids for a night of food, fun and "trunk or treating!" Don't forget to bring some candy for the kids! And, bring a pot of chili for the cook-off.

## The Children's Corner . . .

Hey Kids. Using the Key on the first two lines, fill out the following puzzle to discover an important verse of Scripture. Feel free to ask your Parents or anyone else for help. Adults are encouraged to have some fun and try to solve the puzzle too!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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20	16	18		5	17	26	20	16	,		6	16	2	22		1	2	4	3	17	13	18	,		
9	18		6	20	3	2	14	13	.		<b>1 Corinthians 16:13 New English Bible</b>														

# October 2017 Calendar of Events & Birthdays

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Firehouse 6:30 Recreation  <i>Mimi Sims</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8 Deacons' Mtg.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 2:30 Masonic Home 4:30 Concert in the Park  <i>Laura Powell</i>	<b>9</b> 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Peking City 6:30 Recreation  <i>Michelle Whelan</i>	<b>10</b>  <i>Tammy Cave</i>	<b>11</b> 7 Business Mtg.	<b>12</b>  <i>Sandy Cassidy</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>  <i>Peggy Harvey</i>	<b>16</b> 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Pizza Hut 6:30 Recreation  <i>Barry Curry</i>	<b>17</b>  <i>Barry Curry</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <i>Jane Lewis</i>	<b>20</b> 11:30 Silver Servants	<b>21</b> 6 Trunk or Treat & Chili Cookoff
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Brown Bag 6:30 Recreation  <i>Anthony Mattingly</i>	<b>24</b>  <i>Emily Dehr</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Kingfish (River Rd)	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  <i>Mary Rumsey</i>	<b>30</b> 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Popeye's 6:30 Recreation  <i>Ben Colorado</i> <i>Marty Griffin</i>	<b>31</b>				<b>Wednesdays</b> 615 Dinner 6:45 Adult Choir 1st & 3rd 700 <b>Prayer Mtg.</b> Children & Youth
				<b>Regular Schedule</b> <b>Sundays</b> 945 Sunday School 1055 Worship		

## Pastor's Paragraphs . . .

I am always fascinated at how easily we all justify our own ideas and behavior . . . Even and especially when we know it does not line up with God's Word. The Scripture is clear that Jesus us to be Lord over every single area of our life. We know the truth: if Jesus is not Lord over all then He is not really Lord at all. However, we all make some choices about where to go, what to do, how faithful to be in attendance and service without ever once asking God for guidance, much less permission. How do we explain that and how do we feel about it?

Well, the following illustration is not even remotely religious. It is a partial transcript of a radio show that used to be on air in Alabama by Bruce Cameron. It is also a good illustration of how easily we can explain something ridiculous in terms that make it seem quite rational. Take a few moments to read and enjoy this:

*Welcome to another session of **Bruce the Answer Man**. Today's topic: **Health And Why It Can Be Good For You**. You ask the questions and I'll give you the straight answers.*

Q: I've been dieting for nearly a year and I've only lost three pounds. I'm getting discouraged. What should I do?

A: *What you should do is gain some perspective. What difference does a few pounds make in the grand scheme of things? Consider our planet. Earth weighs trillions and trillions of tons, and the Sun, the most potent force in our solar system, is millions of times heavier. Are you more important than they are? Of course not! So why do you even own a device which measures weights in something as infinitesimal as a pound? Does your watch measure time in zillionths of a second? Does your kitchen have measuring cups for adding a tenth of a grain of flour? In my opinion, anything less than a billion tons is "one." So yeah, if you weigh more than "one," you should probably go on a diet.*

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: *Can't think of a single one, sorry.*

Q: I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A: *How could that be true? Your heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it. Everything wears out eventually, so how could speeding up your heart make you live longer? That's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it more. Want to live longer? Take a nap.*

Q: What is my "skin age?"

A: *Well, how old are you?*

Q: I'm 38 years old.

A: *Well, I'd say your skin is at least that old, wouldn't you?*

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: *Well, if you have one body, and you have body fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies, your ratio is two to one, etc.*

Q: My wife says I should cut down on meat, and eat more fruits and vegetables.

A: *Your wife just doesn't grasp logistical efficiencies the way you do. Look, what does a cow eat? Corn. And what's corn? A vegetable. So a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass. And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of slop.*

Q: I'm getting a little soft around the middle. Will doing sit-ups help this?

A: *Definitely not! Look, when you exercise a muscle, it gets bigger, right? You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach.*

I hope you enjoyed reading that transcript and will encourage you to read it out loud to someone else. It will sound even funnier if you do! However, now that you've enjoyed it, consider what just happened and how it applies to the theme of this article. Bruce answered every single question, didn't he? Furthermore, he gave answers that could, on at least one rational level, make sense, right? Yet if you really think about it, he lied in answering questions 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8.

Take a moment to read Luke 6:46-49 and then come back to this article. No, really, read the Scripture first.

Ok, trusting that you did read it, now measure your own life against verse 46. "**Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?**" You see, I have a confession to make. This article is very personal to me. I had a Preacher friend get mad at me for challenging him on his view of marriage which is not Biblical last month. I also have two friends (*males*) and one friend (*female*) who have expressed exasperation at me because I have challenged them to be more faithful to their Church in regular meetings on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Every one of those people had a great excuse for what they were doing or not doing. Yet it was just like the above radio transcript. Every excuse was still an excuse in order to justify their decisions and actions. The fundamental truth remains: their actions/beliefs clearly and undeniably communicate that in that area of their life, Jesus is NOT in Control and He is NOT Lord in that area of their life.

First of all, each of those encounters has forced me to examine my own life in light of this truth. Am I really doing what Jesus has commanded in all areas of my life or am I making excuses for the areas I do not want to surrender to His Lordship? I am just as much a sinner as any of you and just as capable of excuses.

Secondly, each of those encounters forced me to go back to that passage in Luke. Each of those individuals are inviting destruction into their lives by willingly disobeying God's clear instructions. It's their choice. It is also your choice and my choice. Jesus says so. The questions is, what are you choosing today? If not His Lordship, do you really what you are getting in your choice will be worth it when the storm comes? If not, now's the time to change!!

Love ,In Christ Jesus, Bro. Louis

**We welcome with Great Rejoicing the following  
who have decided to join our Church Family:**



**Julie Belden**  
250 Crescent Hill Place, Unit 201  
Louisville KY 40206  
(812) 844-0527

**Birthday:** May 01

**PGBC Box # 07**  
**Deacon Family List: Mike Rust**



**Abby Smith**  
11006 Fellswood Ct.  
Louisville KY 40243  
(502) 298-3583

**Birthday:** Jan. 14

**PGBC Box # 91**  
**Deacon Family List: Kay Edwards**

### *Mary's Notes . . .*

Homecoming! Wow! Thank you to everyone who made both the service and the delicious meal so wonderful. Special thank you to Mike McKinney and Brother Louis for an outstanding job lighting our church from top to bottom. Thank you to Laura Griffin and her committee for the beautiful decorations and preparations. Thank you to Tori and Deb in the sound booth for all of your hard work. Thank you to all of the choir and soloists for the beautiful music in the worship service. A special big thank you to Kay Edwards for playing for all of the service. If you counted, Kay, had to play for seventeen different songs. Unbelievable! And she always does this with a smile on her face and never a complaint. Kay, you are such a blessing to Pleasant Grove. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

If I have unintentionally left anyone off of this thank you list, please know that from the bottom of my heart I thank you for your roll in our Homecoming of Memories and Music.

### What's Ahead?

Fall is such a great time of the year. The weather is changing, getting cooler and much easier for most people to handle. The leaves are changing beautiful colors to give us breath taking views. Kids are back in school and giving our parents and grandparents a much needed break. Our choir is beginning preparing for our Christmas Season.

Our adult choir will begin working on our Christmas Cantata on October 4th so there is plenty of time to join in the fun. Our Cantata is titled "Lead Me Back to Bethlehem". In addition to working on our Cantata, our choir will continue to prepare meaningful music that will enhance our morning services.

Last, but not least, our Praise Team is looking for more musicians. If God has blessed you with the gift of playing an instrument, please talk to me and see how you can get plugged in to our Praise Team.

*Make a Joyful Noise!*

*Mary Rumsey*



### **Introducing Our New Youth Minister, Abby Smith**

Raised in Louisville, she graduated from Taylor Univ. in Upland Indiana with a BA in Biblical Literature and a minor in Christian Ed. Ministries.

Abby led a Bible study for International students while at Taylor University and part of her studies also included trips to Greece and Italy so she has seen some of the places where Paul, Silas and Barnabus traveled while planting the first churches over 2,000 years ago!



**October**

- 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
- 8. Matthew 10-11
- 9. Matthew 12-13
- 10. Matthew 14-15
- 11. Matthew 16-18
- 12. Matthew 19-21
- 13. Matthew 22-23
- 14. Matthew 24-25
- 15. Matthew 26
- 16. Matthew 27-28
- 17. Mark 1-3
- 18. Mark 4-5
- 19. Mark 6-7
- 20. Mark 8-9
- 21. Mark 10-11
- 22. Mark 12-13
- 23. Mark 14
- 24. Mark 15-16
- 25. Luke 1
- 26. Luke 2-3
- 27. Luke 4-5
- 28. Luke 6-7
- 29. Luke 8-9
- 30. Luke 10-11
- 31. Luke 12-13

**November**

- 1. Luke 14-16
- 2. Luke 17-18
- 3. Luke 19-20
- 4. Luke 21-22
- 5. Luke 23-24
- 6. John 1-3
- 7. John 4-5

*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 Sept. 24. 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**  
**\$ 217,670.00    \$ 4,092.00 per week**

*Through week 39*

General Fund Needs	\$ 159,588.00
General Fund Receipts	\$ 172,917.16
Designated Receipts	\$ 32,299.58
Total General & Designated	\$ 205,216.74
Total Receipts to Date	\$ 219,214.24
CTL Fund	\$ 20,056.87

*Sunday School, a Place for YOU . . .*

Some "food" for thought. . .

People are often unreasonable, irrational & self-centered, **forgive them anyway.**

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives, **be kind anyway.**

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends, and some genuine enemies, **succeed anyway.**

If you are honest & sincere, people may deceive you, **be honest & sincere anyway.**

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight, **create anyway.**

If you find serenity & happiness, some may be jealous, **be happy anyway.**

The good you do today, will often be forgotten, **do good anyway.**

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough, **give your best anyway.**

In the final analysis, it's between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway!

*Mother Teresa*

*See You Sunday at 9:45,  
 Angela*

**Red Cross Blood Drive Update . . .**



Our next quarterly blood drive will be on November 2, 2017.

The blood supply is still critically low and we need all eligible blood donors to come and give blood. You not only will feel like a hero, you **are** a hero when you give this life-saving gift.

Remember, each donation can help as many as 3 patients who need blood. Also, approximately every 2 seconds some one in the United States needs blood.

We will have door prizes again and home-made goodies to satisfy your sweet tooth. So, please come and give blood to help those who need blood!!

Please keep our blood drives in your daily prayers.

**In Christ's service, Russell G. Gadd**