



The LifeVine

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Never Forget



that YOU

are God's Valentine!

*Keep me as the apple of Your
eye; hide me in the shadow of
Your wings.*

Psalm 17:8

Servants, in His Service:

Louis H. Humes

Sr. Pastor

Gene Sutherland	Music Minister
Josh Brown	Youth Minister
John Lowry	Education Minister
Russell Zik	Outreach Minister
Kay Edwards	Pianist
Pat Krider	Organist
Angela Humes	Secretary

Worship and Study Times

Sunday

Sunday School	9:45am
Morning Worship	10:55am
Evening Worship	5:00pm

Wednesday

Church Supper	6:30pm
Prayer Meeting	7:00pm
Mission Groups	7:00pm
Adult Choir	7:00pm



News and Announcements



Personal Notes . . .



Dear Church Family;

Thanks to all who came out for our going away night at church, we will always cherish the memories and be back to visit often! Words cannot express the love we have for Pleasant Grove.

God blessed us immensely during our time with you and we look forward with great excitement to see what God has planned for our future. Love to you all!

Tim and Melissa Rumsey

Dear Church Family;

Thank-you for praying for our family. We would also like to say you are a mighty fine Church and congregation too! We are right proud to be members and the best is yet to come!

Ed & Gladys Edmonds

To Bro. Humes & the 'Kitchen Ladies';

Thank you for the kindness you showed us at the passing of my Mom & Granny. It meant a lot to us to have a dinner after the funeral and a loving pastor to preach her funeral.

You all were truly angels at the time of our loss. May God bless you all with the same.

Thank you, The McDowell's



Dear Sunday School Leaders;

So sorry I had to cancel working in Sunday School last month. Please put me down for next time - I can be trusted. I was so looking forward to it, but family had other ideas (it was my birthday (29th) . . . and made plans for me I needed to keep with them.

Thanks for your wonderful ministry. It makes me happy as can be. So much to look forward to - I don't want to miss it!

Carolyn Roehrig

Welcome:

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

By Letter:



Josh & Brandy Brown

2935 Cleveland Blvd.

Louisville KY 40206

Phones: (502) 742-7430

PGBC Box # 81

Birthday: Josh, 10/22; Brandy, 04/11; Aaron, 09/10/03; Isaac, 02/02/05; Libby, 09/06/09, Abbey, 06/11/11

Deacon: Steve Rumsey



It's a BOY! Come and shower Leslie with gifts! Saturday, Feb. 4, 2-5pm in Legacy Hall. We'll have food, cake, games and lots of fun! Leslie and John are registered at Babies R' Us and Target. Please RVSP by January 29th. For information call Courtney at 812-989-0212.

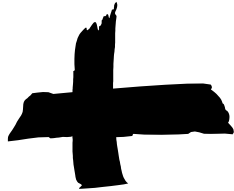


There will be a "Youth Parents" luncheon meeting immediately after the morning Worship Service on Sunday, February 4. Since it is 'Super Bowl' Sunday, we will have 'Soup or Sandwiches' for the meal, although you can enjoy both if you so desire! We'll highlight the changes and activities for our Youth Ministry in the upcoming months so you especially need to come if you are a parent of one of our youth.

Anybody else interested in supporting our Youth Ministry (Chaperones? Pray-ers? Workers?) is also welcome to attend. Just let us know in advance so we can make sure we have enough food.

February 2012 Calendar of Events & Birthdays

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 8pm Deacons' Mtg. <i>Jerry McCoy</i>	2 7 String Singers <i>Isaac Brown</i>	3 <i>Ernie Coulter</i>	4 10 Bowling
5 12:30 1st. Sun. Reh. 12:30 Youth Lunch <i>Yib Hibbard</i> <i>Bro. Louis</i> <i>Diana Nichols</i>	6 5:30 Recreation Meal Pit Stop 7 Recreation <i>April McCoy</i>	7 5 Ladies Bible Study	8 7 Business Mtg. 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	9 7 String Singers	10	11
12 2:30 Masonic Home <i>John Belden</i>	13 5:30 Recreation Meal Peking City 7 Recreation	14 5 Ladies Bible Study 7 Long Run Sportsman Club	15	16 7 String Singers	17	18 <i>Edith Rumsey</i> <i>Mike Miller</i>
19 4 Church Council <i>Maynard Mattingly</i>	20 5:30 Recreation Meal The Fishery 7 Recreation <i>Kayla Knecht</i>	21 5 Ladies Bible Study	22 <i>Charleen Gadd</i> <i>Helen Pedigo</i>	23	24	25 10 Prayer Shawl
26 <i>Wendell Martin</i>	27 5:30 Recreation Meal Pit Stop 7 Recreation <i>Aubrey Williams</i>	28 <i>Hannah Mattingly</i> <i>Sue Mullins</i>	29		Regular Schedule: Sundays: 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Worship	Wednesdays: 6:30 Dinner 7:00 Prayer Mtg. Kid's Missions Youth Bible Study Adult Choir

Pastor's Paragraphs . . .

NEW

I want to officially welcome Joshua Brown to our Church Staff as our new Youth Minister. For your information, he prefers to be called Josh. He and his sweet wife Brandy have already jumped in to serve in a number of areas other than Youth Ministry and I am really looking forward to growing and serving with them for years to come! Their address is listed on Page 2 so be sure to add them to your Church directory and, while you are at it, send a note of welcome and encouragement to them!



Did you notice in their picture that they have two sweet little girls, Libby and Abbey? Add to them John and Leslie's little Breanne and, we pray later this month, Silas. Plus Austin and Melissa's little Ryne. That's a lot of little ones who need big ones to take care of them in the Nursery. This is an important job that we need to fill!!

So let me make a personal plea for more workers. We need workers for Sunday Morning, Sunday Night and Wednesday Night and that is a lot of need, isn't it? Would you be willing to work once a quarter in the Nursery? How about once a month? Please consider volunteering if you are able. Did I mention that this is an important job? Think about this:

Sven and Ole worked together and both were laid off, so off they went to the unemployment office. Asked his occupation, Ole said, "*Panty stitcher; I sew the elastic onto cotton panties.*" The clerk looked up panty stitcher. Finding it classified as unskilled labor, she gave him \$300 a week in unemployment pay.

Sven was asked his occupation. "*Diesel fitter,*" he replied. Finding it classified as a skilled job, the clerk gave Sven \$600 a week. When Ole found out, he was furious. He stormed back into the unemployment office to find out why his friend and coworker was collecting double his pay.

The clerk explained that panty stitchers were unskilled and diesel fitters were skilled labor. "*What skill?*" yelled Ole. "*I do all the work and sew the elastic on. Then Sven stretches it out, looks at it for 5 seconds and says, 'Yep, diesel fitter.'*"

Obviously Sven's pay was adjusted down to match Ole because this world often offers pay according to the importance of the job. Not always, but often. However, taking care of our own children and offering care to those who would begin to come to our Church is an extremely important job even though we offer no pay at all for it!

Here's the choice we face. When Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem, there was no 'good' place for baby Jesus. Is that the kind of Church you want us to be? No place for little babies? Or are we willing to provide and staff such a place and call it a nursery. If you are now a Parent, Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle or guardian; or if you ever have been in the past, are you willing to help? Even if you've never cared for children of your own, Would you help us provide for those little ones entrusted to our care? We need help and we need it now . . . Please consider helping with this important job!!!



Here's a quiz and I'm not going to give you the answers until the next LifeVine. Of course you can look them up, but it will be MUCH more fun if you do your best AND work with others. Wait for the answers. Trust me. As usual, there is a method to my madness.

01. What is the only sport where the opponents and the crowd don't know the score or the leader until the contest ends?
02. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
03. Most vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons?
04. At noon and midnight the hour and minute hands are exactly synchronized. How many times between noon and midnight do the hour and minute hands cross?
05. What is the only sport in which the ball is always in the possession of the team on defense, and the offensive team can score without touching the ball?
06. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
07. In some stores, you can find a beverage with a real, whole ripe pear inside the bottle. The bottle hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
08. Only three very common words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw'. Name two of them.
09. There are fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name half of them?
10. Where are the lakes referred to in "Los Angeles Lakers?"
11. There are seven ways a baseball player can legally reach first base without getting a hit. A 'Walk', taking a base on balls, is one way. Name the other six.
12. What is the one vegetable that is NEVER sold frozen, canned or cooked, but ONLY fresh?
13. How can a pitcher make four or more strikeouts in one inning?
14. Name six or more things that you can wear on your feet, that begin with the letter 's'.

Bro. Louis

Thoughts from "The Grove" . . .

Wow!!! What an amazing two months it has been. There have been many meetings and lots of time of prayer that have brought us to where we are today. So, on behalf of my family and me, we want to thank you for all that you have done to make us feel welcome here at PGBC. We are honored to make this our home and we pray that our relationships will last a lifetime.

As you have noticed, things are changing with our youth ministry. The first change that you will see is the title of this article. This is a direct correlation of the youth and me re-naming our youth room, "The Grove". Yes, it fits well with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, but that is not the whole reason for the change. We want the name to represent the identity and the focus of our purpose as a youth ministry.

My strongest desire for our youth ministry is to see the lives of our young people flipped upside down in such a way that it eternally changes them. I want it to change them so that their lives are impacting the lives around them. To me, that means having fruit bearing lives.

I want our youth to encounter The True Vine that we all are called to be branches of in "The Grove". "The Grove" is also where our youth will invite their friends to join them!

"The Grove" is where our Youth will grow and mature, so that they can fulfill the ministry verse we've chosen; **John 15:5**.

Please join me as a church family and help our Youth Ministry to "*bear much fruit*"!

**Serving Him,
Bro. Josh**

Excitement in Education . . .

Hello dear church family. It is, once again, a great joy to be writing you. I count it a privilege to discuss with you the wonderful riches we share in Christ. As 2012 continues on, I ask you to consider the following passage from Romans 4:25-5:5

²⁵He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

¹Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; ⁵and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

This passage gives us great hope for the rest of the year. You see, if you are in the midst of a difficult circumstance, recovering from a challenge, or simply aware of difficulties in life, well then this passage offers encouragement.

Paul tells us these tribulations lead to perseverance. We know that to persevere is to continue on. Paul tells us that when we continue on, then we have proven character. It isn't merely character we have, but proven character. Proven character is character that shows evidence of a changed discipline.

Finally this disciplined character produces hope. Hope is ever joyous because hope is eternal. So, dear church family, when you are faced with tribulation, take courage. When you put that tribulation in the hands of Christ, then He will give you something the world just can't offer. Hope. Thank you for the time and love you give to me and this fellowship.

**In Christ,
Bro. John**

Gene's Notes . . .



CASTING NOW BEGINS FOR OUR 2012 EASTER PAGEANT



Here's a personal request from me, your Music Minister, and you don't even have to sing a single note to grant it!

Cast members are now being enlisted for our Easter Pageant which will occur on Sunday, April 1, 10:55am. Men, women, and boys and girls of all ages are needed for non-singing roles in this production!

There will be two rehearsals in preparation for the service and Cast members must be able to attend both rehearsals.

These will occur on Saturday, March 24, and Saturday, March 31.

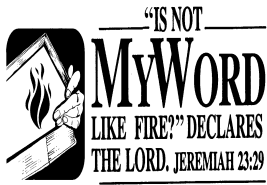
The time for both rehearsals is from 1 - 3pm and we will rehearse in the Church Sanctuary.

What a great way to serve your God who sends His blessings upon us all every day!

Call and leave me a message at the Church or see me when you are here to volunteer your help and I will greatly appreciate it!

*Singing His Melody with you,
Bro. Gene*





Daily Bible Reading Plan. . .

February

- 01. Exodus 36-38
02. Exodus 39, 40
03. Leviticus 1-4
04. Leviticus 5-7
05. Leviticus 8-10
06. Leviticus 11, 12
07. Leviticus 13
08. Leviticus 14, 15
09. Leviticus 16-18
10. Leviticus 19-21
11. Leviticus 22, 23
12. Leviticus 24, 25
13. Leviticus 26, 27
14. Numbers 1, 2
15. Numbers 3, 4
16. Numbers 5, 6
17. Numbers 7
18. Numbers 8-10
19. Numbers 11-13
20. Numbers 14, 15
21. Numbers 16-18
22. Numbers 19-21
23. Numbers 22-24
24. Numbers 25, 26
25. Numbers 27-29
26. Numbers 30, 31
27. Numbers 32, 33
28. Numbers 34-36

March

- 1. Deuteronomy 1, 2
2. Deuteronomy 3-5
3. Deuteronomy 6-8
4. Deuteronomy 9-11
5. Deuteronomy 12-14
6. Leviticus 13
7.

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



Thoughts to Ponder . . .

A newly wed couple went to a restaurant and ordered a fish dinner for two. The waiter brought a dish with two fish, one larger than the other. The husband said to his wife, Please help yourself. She smiled sweetly, said Okay, and helped herself to the larger fish.

After a tense silence, he said, Really, now, if you had offered me the first choice, I would have taken the smaller fish! His wife replied, Then what are you complaining for; you have it, don't you?

Now consider these questions: What are you giving to God? What are you trying to keep for yourself? If God were to bless you in direct proportion to your faithfulness in stewardship, would you be left complaining or rejoicing?

Remember, the choice is your and yours alone; and you will reap whatever you sow!

Stewardship Report

We want to express sincere appreciation for your faithfulness through Tithes and Offerings. In spite of the economical difficulties the past couple of years, we have remained financially healthy because of your faithfulness and we have even increased our budget!

Here is a report through January 22 to keep you up to date. Please continue to be faithful so that we may bring glory to God and May He bless you richly as a result!!

2012 BUDGET:

\$ 184,745.60 \$ 3,552.80 per week

Tithes and Offerings:

Through week 4

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Rows include General Fund Needs, General Fund Receipts, Designated Receipts, Total General & Designated, Total Receipts to date, and CTL Elevator Fund.



Our next quarterly blood drive will be on February 2, 2012. Did you ever stop to think about where all the blood comes from for all those in need? The only source for blood and blood products is from the American Red Cross. In turn, the Red Cross relies on us to give them the blood they need to fill the needs of the people. The Red Cross is the only organization that administers this program.

We thank all of you who have donated in the past to support this life-saving mission. We value your time and efforts. We trust that we can continue to have your support in donating blood. We hope every eligible donor will sign up to give. Persons aged 16 can donate with parental consent. There is no upper age limit.

We will have door prizes again, and June will provide some home-made goodies.

Thanks to all of you, and with your support, we will continue to do our part in supplying blood to the Red Cross. Remember, we can't do this without you.

Please continue to keep the blood drive in your daily prayers.

In Christ's service,

Russell G. Gadd