

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Troutville, VA 24175
2020 Church Profile

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church is located in beautiful rural Botetourt County, Va. The church has had a solid presence and meaningful ministry here for more than 175 years. A new worship center, spacious fellowship hall and parking area were added to the church in 2002 increasing the seating capacity to 250. The church is equipped with WI-FI, sound systems, movie screens and video projectors.

We have 320 members on record. Our average worship attendance before Covid 19 was 90. Approximately two-thirds of our congregants are over the age of 70 and 25% to 30% are non-members. The church is financially stable and has no long term debt.

Our long tradition of mission support includes both local and world missions. We support our community through the Botetourt Resource Center, Blue Ridge Women's Center, Teen Challenge, Greenfield Elementary School Backpack Program and several other ministries. Last fall we started Dinner Church which was opened to the community and served dinner once monthly in our fellowship hall to 40 persons until COVID 19 interrupted that program. We are now in the process of providing dinners via drive thru.

We support world missions through the Southern Baptist Convention, the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association, and the Baptist General Association of Virginia through which we contribute to the WM2 plan. We affirm the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message and have ordained women as deacons for decades and ordained a woman to the gospel ministry several years ago.

Pleasant Hill has an active women's ministry, church council, deacons council and until COVID 19 an active children's group. With social distancing in mind, we offer Sunday morning worship and adult Sunday school. The Sunday morning service and a weekly Bible study are also available via streaming. We continue to look for new and creative ways to serve our congregation and community. In October, we have planned a church tailgate meal following the morning service. Folks are invited to bring chairs and gather in the parking lot to enjoy a boxed lunch, fellowship, and music; all in keeping with COVID 19 guidelines.

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Rob Marsh, our beloved pastor and teacher, was with us for 3 years when he heard God's calling to change directions. With the birth of their third child in 2020, Rob heard the call to step back from the ministry, for a time, and focus on his young family. He and his wife, Lindsey, have 3 children under 5 years of age. As much as we regret their leaving we recognize that God is in control and it is He who directs our steps.

Dr. Bob Moore is currently the Intentional Interim Pastor, Lillian Cook is our part-time minister of music and Carolyn Basham is the church secretary. Our worship service includes a blend of traditional and contemporary Christian music along with a small choir and a praise team.

Our church family is a socially diverse and caring congregation who are committed to loving God, sharing Christ and serving others through worship, growth groups and community ministries. We are a forward thinking people with a growing commitment to care for our congregation and to reach out with Christian fellowship to our community and surrounding areas.