

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES AT RIDGECREST

- Please set aside a time each week to pray specifically for those who are lost without faith in Christ. You may use this webpage as a guide: ridgecrest.net/thelost.
- Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30am you can join our Pastor's Prayer Partners in the Worship Center for a time of prayer for Ridgecrest.
- We invite you to sign up for a specific time to use our Prayer Room. Call Vicky Boone at extension 25 to reserve your time.
- We invite you to Prayer Walk around our campus or inside the buildings as the Lord leads you.
- This week's prayer requests:
 - For our special holiday worship services; that they will be a blessing to all
 - For the impact of the Christmas Matters community outreach
 - For the Impact of "The Story"
 - For our unsaved loved ones
 - For our church leaders as they plan for 2017
 - For Bro. Phil as he continues to shepherd us and lead us into mission outreaches.

OUR VISION

To become followers of Jesus who under the leadership of the Spirit passionately love and serve God and also love all people as Jesus does.



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For
Unto
us a
CHILD
is born
Unto us a Son
is given, and the
Government shall be
Upon His shoulders,
and His Name shall be called,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace!

Isaiah 9:6

December 18, 2016

Welcome! If you are a guest with us this morning, we would love to give you more information about Ridgecrest. Please fill out the white connect card in the rack in back of the pews. You can place it in the offering plate when it is passed or you can bring it to the Welcome Desk as you leave the service this morning.



Christmas Eve at Ridgecrest – Invite your family and friends to worship with us for about 45 minutes. This will be an intimate, creative service with a family feel. Since this is a family service, there will be no childcare. **Attention Kiddos:** Join us for making Jesus the reason for the season for the Christmas Eve service. Meet us in the choir room at 5:00pm. It will be fun and easy! See you there!



Christmas Worship Celebration – 10:30am worship ONLY. Invite your friends and family and come as you are; no need to dress up. We'll celebrate the birth of our Savior together through carols, the ladies ensemble and Bro. Phil's message of the way to peace.



Happy Birthday Jesus Party – Christmas Day at 10:30 in the Ark. Adults and preschoolers, wear your pajamas and bring your favorite new Christmas gift to show and tell. We will celebrate Jesus' birthday with a special story and birthday cake!

Congratulations to Jared and Meredith Cobb who welcomed their daughter, Elizabeth Reese Cobb on Wednesday, November 30, 2016. Elizabeth arrived weighing 6lb 14oz and was 20 inches long. The Cobbs are looking forward to celebrating Christmas as a family of three.

Jackson Street Ministry - Thank you to everyone at Ridgecrest for supporting the Jackson Street Ministry clothes drive. Because of your generous giving, nothing else is needed at this time.



Precept that meets in Room 102 (Fawn Smith group) begins the new year on January 9th with the study of Daniel Part 1. For more information, contact Fawn Smith at fawnsmith@bellsouth.net.



Bible Studies – Start 2017 off with getting involved in one of the many Bible studies offered at Ridgecrest. We have men's and ladies groups on Wednesday evenings, three Precept classes on Monday evenings and Ladies Bible Study on Tuesday mornings. We also have Life Groups on Sundays at 9am & 6pm and on Wednesday evenings.

Year-End Contributions - Please help us catch up on our Budget by getting your contribution in early. For taxes purposes, your year-end contribution must be brought to the church office or dated & postmarked by 12/31/16.

STAFF ANNIVERSARY – Congratulations to Bro. Phil Walker for 27 years as pastor of Ridgecrest. Bro. Phil, we are grateful to the Lord for your encouragement and edification through preaching the Word Sunday after Sunday, and for your direction as we all serve the Lord together in missions and ministries. We pray the Lord's blessings on you and your family.



Christmas Matters Because YOU Matter – Thursday, December 22nd – You are encouraged to join us in this local mission opportunity. We'll leave Ridgecrest at 9:00am to deliver our children's gifts and food to Word of Christ Ministry. We'll also help with a chili cook-off, give out candy canes and Bibles, and go caroling in the west Jackson community. Sign up to help at the Christmas Matters kiosk.

Christmas Matters Needs: We need 15 pots of chili for December 22nd. Let's have some fun and join in the chili cook-off at Word of Christ. Also, we are hoping to give everyone in the community a candy cane and Bible. Check out the Christmas Matters kiosk for details.

Christmas Holiday Schedule

December 21 & 28 – No Wednesday Activities at the church

December 22–26 – Church Offices will be closed

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 5:30pm

December 25 – Christmas Worship Celebration at 10:30am
No Life Groups & No PM activities

January 1 – New Year Worship Celebration at 10:30am
No Life Groups & No PM activities

Weekly Opportunities December 18 - 24, 2016

Sunday: 7:30am Men's Adventure (Rm 103)
9:00am Life Groups (*The Story: Daniel in Exile*)
10:30am "Christmas in Isaiah" – Bro. Phil

NO PM ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH

Wednesday: NO ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH

Thursday: 9:00am Christmas Matters Mission Outreach
Church Offices will be closed December 22 – 26

Saturday: 5:30pm Christmas Eve at Ridgecrest

For details on activities, go to ridgecrest.net