

**We welcome our guests today!** Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, it would be our joy to assist you in getting to know Jesus better. Listed below are some of the ways we take our Next Steps toward becoming the passionate followers of Jesus that He has called us to be. If you would like to know more about the ministries available for you, please fill out the white card in the back of the pews. You can place it in the offering plate when it is passed or drop it off at the Welcome Desk in the foyer.

**The Personnel Committee has hired a church strategist, Wade Steelman, to accomplish the following goals:**

**Goal 1:** To understand the needs of our church members in order to align programming and ministry strategy that actively aids the spiritual growth of our people, their families, and the kingdom as we also reach our world.

**Goal 2:** To understand how our current staff positions, including the alignment and structure of teams, are advancing the mission and vision of Ridgecrest and to ensure those serving in each role will maximize their individual potential.

Wade will begin his engagement at the beginning of September and may be reaching out to many of you for feedback.

If you have any questions, please contact a Personnel Committee member:

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**Choir “Christmas in August”** – If you would like to be part of this year’s Christmas program, come to “Christmas in August” this Wednesday night at 7:00 in the choir room. We’ll preview all the music and have some Christmas snacks. You are welcome to sing with us whether or not you would be a regular choir member.

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study resumes September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in Room 105 with Jen Wilkin’s “Sermon on the Mount.”** Matthew’s gospel opens with three chapters containing Jesus’ longest recorded message – a sermon given to His disciples early in His ministry to articulate what the life of a Christ-follower would look like. Join us every Tuesday morning as we fellowship around God’s Word together.

**Cornerstone Women on Mission (WMU)** begins our new church year with the opportunity to give toward Margaret Lackey State Missions. There are offering envelopes in your Life Group and also at the Welcome Desk. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to missions.

**Cornerstone extends an invitation for all ladies to fellowship with us on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in Room 105.** Cornerstone meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.

*We want you to worship with freedom. Feel free to sit if you need to.*

**Senior Adult Choir** starts back TODAY at 5:30 in the Choir Room. We’ll practice together and sing in the 6:00pm service. So, if you’re age 55+, please join us!

**STUDENT CHOIR (grades 6-12) meets at 5:00pm in the Choir Room each Sunday.** This is a great time to fellowship, enjoy singing great music and getting to know one another. I hope you guys will all plan to be here!

Sr. Adult “Lunch Bunch” is tomorrow at 11:15am at Trace Grill. RSVP to Jane today or call her at 601.853.1090 x35 if you are planning to eat lunch with us. Join us if you are 55+.

## PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES AT RIDGECREST

Please set aside a time each week to pray specifically for those who are lost without faith in Christ. Access the Prayer Guide at [ridgecrest.net/thelost](http://ridgecrest.net/thelost).

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30am you can join our Pastor’s Prayer Partners in the Worship Center for a time of prayer for Ridgecrest.

This week’s prayer requests:

- Volunteers for ministries
- Impact of the new church-wide series, “Just Jesus”
- Impact of Next Steps U classes
- Wisdom for church programming and ministry strategy

## Weekly Opportunities August 27 – September 2, 2017

**Sunday:** 7:30am Men’s Adventure (Rm 103)  
8:40am VIP Meetings  
9:00am Life Groups – “Showing Our Love for Our Neighbor”  
10:30am **Morning Worship – Bro. Phil - JUST JESUS**  
Exploring the Teachings of Jesus: Showing Our Love for Our Neighbor

5:00pm **Student Choir** (Choir Room)  
6:00pm **Evening Bible Study** (Worship Center)  
Adult Open Life Groups – (Thomas) (Rm 105) • (Horn) “Just Jesus” (Rm 101)  
HS Oneighty Worship (Chapel) • MS “CONNECT” (Rm 301) • Crest Kids (Gym)  
Preschool Hang Time (3–K) – The Ark Monkey Rm  
Childcare (infants–age 2) – The Ark Elephant Rm

**Monday:** 5:30pm **PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT** (Rooms 102, 105 & 106)

**Wednesday:** 9:00am **PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT** (Rm 105)  
4:00pm Prayer Meeting (Gym)  
4:45pm Fellowship Supper (Gym) – menu on website at [ridgecrest.net/menu](http://ridgecrest.net/menu)  
5:30pm Men’s Adventure (Rm 103)  
6:00pm **NEXT STEPS U – See details on back of bulletin.**  
7:00pm **“Christmas in August”** - Worship Choir & Band (Choir Room)

For more information, access [ridgecrest.net](http://ridgecrest.net)



# NEXT STEPS

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING FOR UT

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BAPTIST CHURCH

## 6:00pm

- “Live the Vision: How to Love God and Love Others” (Rm 105)
- “A Study of Revelation” (Rm 306)
- ESL (English as a Second Language): Be a volunteer as the world comes to Ridgecrest (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) – Begins September 6<sup>th</sup>
- “Who I AM Says I Am”: Bible study for Ladies (Gym)
- Beginner Sign Language: Prepare yourself to help reach those in the hearing-impaired community (Rm 101/102)
- Sew Missions: Help reach our world by sewing to supply children’s clothes for our mission teams (Rm 104)
- Middle School Oneighty Worship (Chapel)
- 252 (Grades 1-5) – Mission to Planet Earth Rm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- Preschool Party (age 4-K) – The Ark Peacock Rm
- Preschool Party (ages 2-3) – The Ark Parrot Rm
- Childcare (infants-toddlers) – The Ark Elephant Rm

**Ridgecrest Ladies:** Join us at [facebook.com/groups/crestwomen](https://www.facebook.com/groups/crestwomen)



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### 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**

**August 27, 2017**