

As was previously announced, Wade Steelman is working with us as we seek to develop effective strategies for advancing the vision and mission of Ridgecrest. As part of his information-gathering process, he will meet with the following groups **TODAY**. Please make plans to attend the meeting that best fits you. At **4:00**, he will have an open meeting with interested church members. At **5:00**, he'll meet with all **Preschool and Crest Kids volunteers**. At **7:15**, **parents of students (grades 6-12)**. All of these meetings will be in the Choir Room. He will also be available in the Choir Room from **2:00-4:00** to meet individually with those who are interested in a one-on-one meeting. You can schedule your individual meeting on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk this morning.

**DEACON NOMINATION:** Recently you received a letter asking you to nominate men for the office of Deacon at our church. These should be men that set an example of how we are to serve others, because Jesus taught that service to others is the key to following Him. Prayerfully consider and list the names of men that you would like to nominate. Each church member in your home needs to submit a list. Extra lists will be available at the church should you need them. Deadline for nominations is next Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Bible Study for Ladies – Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the gym. Next Step: Growth – “How to Study God’s Word.”** If you struggle with HOW to study God’s Word, you are definitely not alone. In this one-hour session you will learn four steps to study God’s Word in the context of daily, personal time in His presence. One session. One hour. No long-term commitment. Open to all women of the church and their guests. If you have questions, please contact Kassi Rushing at 662.424.3529. Join us?

**NEW Next Steps U class begins October 11<sup>th</sup> – Next Step: Growth – “Living Hope”** is a study of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter led by Bro. Greg O’Neal and will meet in the Choir Room. With all the challenges of life and living in this society, it’s important that believers understand and share the hope that we have in Jesus. Join us October 11–November 15<sup>th</sup> as we grow together in the study of God’s Word.

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study begins 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. Childcare is provided.

**Preschool Second Session Volunteers** needed to serve once a month during Sunday morning worship. Choose your preferred age group (toddlers–kindergarten) and date of service each month. Empty nesters, grandparents and other friends of preschoolers are encouraged to contact Stacie Albritton at [salbritton@ridgecrest.net](mailto:salbritton@ridgecrest.net) for more information.

**Operation Christmas Child – SEPTEMBER: Small toys for girls.** Please remember that all items **MUST BE SMALL** enough to fit in a shoebox with all other items that have been collected. Please bring your items to the table in the walkway by the Coffee Corner. Get a jump on October – Please help with the cost of shipping (\$7.00 per shoebox). Thank you.

**STAFF ANNIVERSARY–Congratulations to Beverly Walker who has been serving as Financial Secretary for 24 years.** Beverly, you are a blessing to all the staff as well as Ridgecrest members. Thank you for your support and faithful service all these years.

**TODAY is Senior Adult Day.** We are honoring our Senior Adults with a luncheon in the Ridgecrest Activities Center (gym) immediately following the worship service. Our entertainment will be a southern gospel quartet, “Messiah’s Men.” There is no cost to attend, so if you are age 60+ – join us!

## 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:

- Impact of Community ministry
- Impact of the new church-wide series, “Just Jesus”
- Impact of Next Steps U classes

## Weekly Opportunities September 17-23, 2017

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	Men’s Adventure (Rm 103)
	<b>8:40am</b>	VIP Meetings
	<b>9:00am</b>	Life Groups – COMMUNITY: A Confessional Church”
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship – Bro. Phil - JUST JESUS</b> Exploring the Teachings of Jesus. COMMUNITY: A Confessional Church
	<b>11:45am</b>	<b>Senior Adult Luncheon</b> (Gym)
	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Student Choir</b> (Choir Room)
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Evening Bible Study</b> (Worship Center) Adult Open Life Groups: (Thomas - Rm 105) • (Horn - 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
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Precept</b> (Rooms 102, 105 & 106)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Ladies Bible Study</b> (Rm 105)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Precept</b> (Rm 105)
	<b>4:00pm</b>	Prayer Meeting (Gym)
	<b>4:45pm</b>	Fellowship Supper (Gym) – menu on website at <a href="http://ridgecrest.net/menu">ridgecrest.net/menu</a>
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>NEXT STEPS U – See details on back of bulletin.</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Worship Choir & Band (Choir Room)

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

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

# NEXT STEPS



WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING FOR U

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6:00PM

- Men's Adventure (Rm 103) - 5:45pm
- "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)
- Ladies Bible Study: "Who I AM Says I Am" (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)
- College-Age - Off Campus at 6:30pm - For location, call/text 601.624.5549
- 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



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Matthew 18:19-20

## 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

**September 17, 2017**