

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.

Ridgecrest Loves Our Neighbors! On Wednesday, October 4th we will be going into neighborhoods adjacent to the church with small gift bags to give to our neighbors to let them know we care about them. We'll meet in the RAC (gym) at 6:00pm for some brief instructions and then head out to go door-to-door, meeting our neighbors. We'll return to the RAC for dessert and to share stories of how God used the time.

Disaster Relief – This is a great mission opportunity. We are partnering with Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief to help hurricane victims in Florida. They are on-site at Idlewood Baptist Church in the Tampa area and are preparing and serving 10,000+ meals per day. They need volunteers to help with cooking and serving the masses. There is a possibility that if we have a group of volunteers interested in going, we can go together. There is more information at the Ministry Placement Center. If you have questions, please contact Tim Blocker at tblocker@ridgecrest.net. If you would like to donate toward Disaster Relief, make checks payable to Ridgecrest and designate for Disaster Relief.

NEW Next Steps U class begins October 11th – Next Step: Growth – “Living Hope” is a study of 1st Peter led by Bro. Greg O’Neal and will meet in the Choir Room. With all of 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 15th as we grow together in the study God’s Word.

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 by email at salbritton@ridgecrest.net or call her at 601.853.1090 x37 for more information.

Bible Study for Ladies – This Wednesday, September 27th at 6:00pm. 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. Join us?

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 (\$9.00 per shoebox). Thank you.

STAFF ANNIVERSARY – Congratulations to Tim Blocker who has worn many hats here at Ridgecrest for 12 years. Tim is our Stewardship Director and he is so appreciated for all he does here. We pray God’s blessings on you, Tim!

DEACON NOMINATION: Today is the deadline for you to submit your list of deacon nominations. You may deposit your list in the box on the table behind the Welcome Desk. If you forgot to bring your list, you may pick one up at this table and then prayerfully consider who you think are men that set an example of how we are to serve others as Jesus did. Thank you. It is important to get your input.

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.

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.

This week’s prayer requests:

- Deacons to serve 2017-2018
- Impact of “Love Our Neighbors” on October 4th
- Impact of the church-wide series, “Just Jesus”
- Impact of Next Steps U classes on Wednesday nights

Weekly Opportunities September 24-30, 2017

- Sunday:** 7:30am Men’s Adventure (Rm 103)
8:40am VIP Meetings
9:00am Life Groups – COMMUNITY: “A Unified Church”
10:30am **Morning Worship – Bro. Phil - JUST JESUS**
Exploring the Teachings of Jesus: COMMUNITY: A Unified Church
5:00pm **Student Choir** (Choir Room)
6:00pm **Evening Bible Study** (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
- Monday:** 5:30pm Precept (Rooms 102, 105 & 106)
- Tuesday:** 9:00am Ladies Bible Study (Rm 105)
- Wednesday:** 9:00am Precept (Rm 105)
4:00pm Prayer Meeting (Gym)
4:45pm Fellowship Supper (Gym) – Menu on website at ridgecrest.net/menu
6:00pm **NEXT STEPS U** – See details on back of bulletin.
7:00pm Worship Choir & Band (Choir Room)

For more information, access ridgecrest.net

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



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING FOR U

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6:00PM

- Men's Adventure (Rm 103) - 5:45pm
- A Study of Revelation (Rm 306)
- ESL (English as a Second Language): Be a volunteer as the world comes to Ridgecrest (3rd Floor)
- Ladies Bible Study: "How to Study God's Word" (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 - 2nd 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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Stacie Albritton, Preschool Ministry Director • Hillery Johnson, Director of Ridgecrest Preschool
Babbe May, Director of Weekday School Age Ministry



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EVEN AS

WE
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JOHN 17:11

Community: A Unified Church

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 24, 2017