

**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.

**Operation Christmas Child Emphasis** – Many of you have been donating items or filling shoeboxes to send to children around the world as part of Operation Christmas Child. This ministry provides not only Christmas gifts, but also opportunities to share the Gospel. As a part of our Worship Service today we will have a special time of prayer and dedication for those shoeboxes. The **deadline** for returning your filled boxes is tomorrow, **November 6<sup>th</sup>**. We still need monetary donations for the cost of shipping (\$9.00/box). There is a box on the table for your donation(s). Thank you for your generosity.

**Next Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> is Compassion Sunday** – You will have the opportunity to choose a child to sponsor. *You can release a child from poverty in Jesus' name.* Compassion International is a child-advocacy ministry that pairs compassionate people with those who are suffering from poverty. The ministry releases children from spiritual, economic, social, and physical poverty. The goal is for each child to become a responsible and fulfilled adult. This is a charity you can trust. For more information on Compassion International, visit their website at [www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com).

**Wade Steelman, the Church Strategist**, has been working with us for about two months and has met and/or talked with more than 200 people from Ridgecrest. He has received some great feedback. We appreciate the time and honesty you have given to this process. To set proper expectations, we anticipate receiving Wade's assessment and recommendations to the personnel committee by the middle of November. The personnel committee will review and be ready to present these recommendations to the church sometime during January 2018. Continue to pray for the Lord's leading as we work through this process.

**Want to volunteer but can't commit to every Sunday?** 20 volunteers are needed in preschool during worship each Sunday. Get more info about being part of our preschool second session team and serve up to 10x/year by texting Stacie at 601.668.2208.

**College-Age group** conducts a community outreach program once a month on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. For more information on College-Age activities, text/call Michael Estes at 601.624.5549 or email at [mestes@ridgecrest.net](mailto:mestes@ridgecrest.net).

#### BUDGET AS OF October 29, 2017

Budget Required	\$ 2,175,075.	
Budget Received	\$ 1,780,293.	Shortfall: \$394,782

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

**Bridal Shower honoring Shelby Given**, daughter of Steve & Anna Given and bride-elect of Kyle McCullouch, son of John & Cheryl McCullouch, is TODAY in Room 105 from 2:00–3:30pm. Questions? Contact Michele Blocker at [Michele.Blocker@gmail.com](mailto:Michele.Blocker@gmail.com).

Announcing the arrival of **Charlie Joyce Wilson!** Charlie arrived on October 2, 2017 weighing 7lbs 7oz and measuring 20 inches. She was eagerly welcomed by her parents, Nick and Megan Wilson.

**You will be receiving a deacon ballot in the mail.** Our deacon vote will be next Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a “Deacon Ballots” box behind the Welcome Center to collect your ballots. We will announce the new deacons as soon as possible.

#### 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).

This week's prayer requests:

- Assessment process for Our Vision
- Volunteers for Preschool Second Session team
- Your 2017-18 Deacons
- Impact of Thankfulness sermon series

#### Weekly Opportunities November 5 - 11

- Sunday:** 7:30am Men's Adventure (Rm 103)  
 8:40am VIP Meetings  
 9:00am Life Groups – MONEY: Generosity  
 10:30am **Morning Worship – Bro. Phil – Thank God for the Holy Spirit**  
 2:00pm Bridal Shower for Shelby Given  
 5:00pm Student Choir (Choir Room)  
 6:00pm **Evening Bible Study** (Worship Center) – Joshua  
 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](http://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](http://ridgecrest.net)



# NEXT STEPS



WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING FOR U

**6:00PM**

- Men's Adventure (Rm 103) - 5:45pm
- ESL (English as a Second Language): Be a volunteer as the world comes to Ridgecrest (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)
- "Disciple Cycle" (Rm 105) - Led by Brian Wright
- "Living Hope" (Choir Room) - Led by Greg O'Neal
- Ladies Bible Study: "A Woman Overwhelmed: Finding God in the Messes of Life" (Gym)
- A Study of Revelation (Rm 306) - Led by Hart & Karen Lyon
- 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 - Outreach at 6:30pm - For location, call/text 601.624.5549
- Middle School Oneighty Worship (Chapel)
- 252 (Grades 1-3) - HMS Rm - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 252 (Grades 4&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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Matt Oswald, Student & Family Pastor • Michael Estes, College Pastor • Matt Collins, Assoc. Student Pastor  
Stacie Albritton, Preschool Ministry Director • Hillery Johnson, Director of Ridgecrest Preschool  
Babbe May, Director of Weekday School Age Ministry

November 5, 2017



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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

