

Welcome to all our guests this morning! We're so glad you chose to worship with us today. We'd love to know you were here and to get you more information about the different opportunities available to you at Ridgecrest. You'll find a white Connect Card on the pew rack in front of you. After filling it out, you can place it in the offering plate as it's passed during the service or you can bring it to the Welcome Desk in the lobby on your way out.

Ridgecrest's "Come See the King" Christmas Concert will be next Sunday in morning worship. It is to be an evangelistic event as well as a time of celebration for believers. Please pray for this service. There are cards at the Welcome Desk for you to use to invite friends and family.

There are still opportunities to bless families this Christmas through our partnership with Word of Christ Ministry. While we've had a great response so far, **there are still several children in need of someone to provide toys for them this year.** You may also choose to donate toward food for needy families. It takes less than \$50 to fill a box. Come by the displays in the main walkway for more information. **Food and toys will need to be brought to Ridgecrest by December 17th** and will be delivered to Word of Christ on Friday, December 22nd as part of a Christmas week mission opportunity.

Poinsettias for Christmas - Today is the DEADLINE for ordering. Order after worship at the kiosk across from the Coffee Corner. The poinsettias will adorn the worship center during the Christmas season and support the mission and ministries of Faith InDeed Foundation. You may purchase them as gifts for family and friends and take them home after morning worship on December 17th. Cost is \$12 each or \$10.00 each for 3 or more.

Mission Trip Opportunity - If you would like to go on mission in 2018, pray about going with a team from Ridgecrest to **Belize**. The trip is scheduled for July 25-31. We'll work with one of the churches doing evangelism, children's ministry, youth ministry, and may do light construction. The cost of the trip is estimated to be around \$1600 (includes travel, food and all expenses). Contact Greg O'Neal for more information at goneal@ridgecrest.net.

Next Sunday at 6:00pm is Ridgecrest Family Update. Join us as we have great food and fellowship, share God stories and get Ridgecrest updates and happenings.

Year-End Contributions - Please help us catch up on our 2017 budget by getting your contribution in early. In order for your giving statement to reflect contributions for 2017 tax purposes, your year-end contribution must be postmarked no later than December 30th or hand-delivered to the church office by Sunday, December 31st. Thank you.

Another opportunity to show your generosity this Christmas season - At the west side of the Welcome Desk are some "God Loves You" cards that you can give out to the homeless you see on the streets every day. Please feel free to take a sample card with you and as many cards and candy canes as you know you will give out with at least a \$5 bill tucked inside. You never know how this small "seed" will grow (1 Corinthians 3:6-8).

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

STAFF ANNIVERSARY - Congratulations to Bro. Phil Walker for 28 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.

Welcome, Fletcher May Albritton! Fletcher May arrived on November 9, 2017 weighing 6lb 13oz and measuring 20½ inches. She was warmly welcomed by her parents, Maddie House and Luke Albritton, and her paternal grandparents, Erik and Stacie Albritton.

HELP NEEDED - Tomorrow morning (Monday) we need a few workers to help with stage construction for the "Come See the King" music program next Sunday. We'll have breakfast at 8:00am and work from 8:30 - 11:30am. Then we'll need help tearing it down on December 11th. You may want to bring a cordless drill.

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.

This week's prayer requests:

- Christmas season opportunities for service and generosity
- Assessment process for Our Vision
- Your 2018 Deacons

Weekly Opportunities December 3 - 9

- Sunday:** 7:30am Men's Adventure (Rm 103)
8:40am VIP Meetings
9:00am Life Groups - HYPOCRISY: From Being Fake to Living Real
10:30am **Morning Worship - Bro. Phil - Thank God for the Birth of Jesus**
Baby Dedication
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
- Wednesday:** 4:00pm Prayer Meeting (Gym)
4:45pm Fellowship Supper (Gym) - Menu on website at rcbc.org/menu
6:00pm **NEXT STEPS U** - Jackson Street Ministry
7:00pm Worship Choir & Band (Choir Room)

For more information, access 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 (3rd Floor)
- 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 - 2nd Floor
- 252 (Grades 4&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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We Thank God for...
the Birth of Jesus



Sunday, December 3, 2017

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.