

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 for 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 Information Center in the lobby on your way out.

What a privilege to have Bro. Devon Adams worship with us and bring a message from the Lord this morning. Bro. Devon is pastor of Word of Christ Ministry Church in west Jackson and evangelist in the Jackson area. We are honored to partner with him and Word of Christ in their outreach ministry to the Jackson community.

**REMINDER: TODAY is the deadline** for turning in your children's gifts and food for families. You are invited to go with us to deliver the food and gifts to Word of Christ (WOC) this Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> as part of our "Christmas Matters Because YOU Matter" mission opportunities. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 9:00am. After lunch at WOC we'll go caroling with them on Capitol Street. Join us for a great day of blessings!

**Come and begin your Christmas Eve celebrating with the Ridgecrest Family** with breakfast for all ages at 9:30 in the Chapel, followed by Christmas Eve family worship in the Worship Center at 10:30. This will be a great way to kick off your Christmas celebrations. Make sure to invite your friends, family and neighbors to come with you. Invite Cards are available at the Information Center. As part of the Christmas spirit, we will give a special gift for each household. THERE WILL BE NO CHILDCARE to allow all Ridgecrest families to celebrate together. **If you would be willing to bring food for the breakfast, please sign up at [perfectpotluck.com](http://perfectpotluck.com) - Coordinator Name: Ridgecrest - Password: 1234.** There will be no afternoon or evening activities at the church.

**God's Gift to us is eternal life through Jesus Christ.** You have the opportunity to share that Good News through your generosity to the homeless this Christmas season. At the Ministry Placement Center are some sample cards, candy canes and cards for you to use to give out. Please feel free to take a sample card and as many cards and candy canes as you know you will give out with at least a \$5 bill tucked inside to show God's love and your generosity.

**Year-End Contributions** - Please help us catch up on our 2017 budget. In order for your Giving Statement to reflect contributions for 2017 tax purposes, your year-end contribution must be postmarked no later than December 30<sup>th</sup> or hand-delivered to the church office by Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you. Although we are behind on our budget, our positive cash flow for the year is \$52,275.

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

Be sure to pick up your "PENNIES FROM HEAVEN" cup at the kiosk across from the Coffee Corner this morning.

### **Christmas Holiday Schedule**

December 24 - AM Breakfast Fellowship in the Chapel at 9:30am  
Christmas Eve Worship Celebration at 10:30am  
No Life Groups & No PM activities

December 25-27 - Church Offices will be closed - *Merry Christmas!*

December 27 - No Wednesday Activities at the church

December 31 - New Years' Eve Worship at 10:30am  
No Life Groups & No PM activities

January 1, 2018 - Church Offices will be closed - *Happy New Year!*

### **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:

- Christmas season opportunities for service and generosity
- Assessment process for Our Vision
- Family Christmas celebrations - Keeping Jesus in the season

### **Weekly Opportunities December 17 - 23**

**Sunday:** 7:30am Men's Adventure (Rm 103)  
8:40am VIP Meetings  
9:00am Life Groups - REWARD  
10:30am **Worship (Worship Center) - Bro. Devon Adams**

6:00pm **Bible Study**  
High School Oneighty Worship (Chapel)  
Middle School CONNECT (Rm 301)  
Crest Kids (meet in the Ark)  
Preschool Hang Time (3-K) - The Ark Monkey Rm  
Childcare (infants-age 2) - The Ark Elephant Rm

**Wednesday:** **NO PM ACTIVITIES**  
**Regular Wednesday schedule will resume January 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Friday:** Word of Christ Food/Toys Distribution & Caroling

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): Bilingual staff help the world comes to Ridgecrest
- Begin your journey with the hear-
- for cash
- College-Age - 6:00pm - 6:30pm - 601.624.5549
- Middle School Oneighty Worship (Chapel)
- 252 (Grades 1-5) - HM - 2nd Floor
- 252 (Grades 1&5) - Mission to Planet Earth Rm - 2nd Floor
- Preschool Party (age 4-5) - The Ark Peacock Rm
- Preschool Party (ages 2-3) - The Ark Parrot Rm
- Childcare (infants-toddlers) - The Ark Elephant Rm

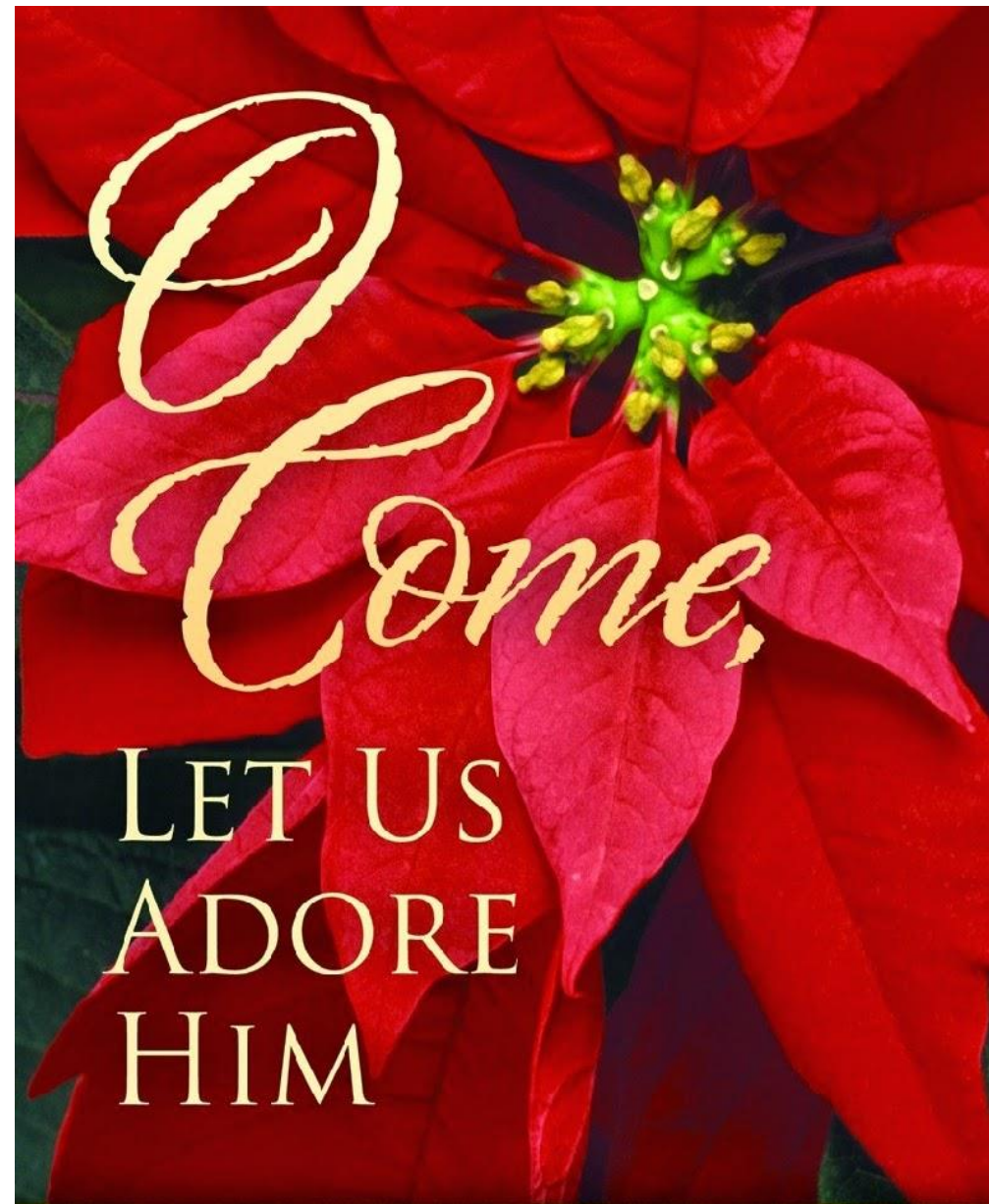
Merry Christmas!

**No Activities  
At the Church**



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Stacie Albritton, Preschool Ministry Director • Hillery Johnson, Director of Ridgecrest Preschool  
Babbe May, Director of Weekday School Age Ministry



*For unto you is born this day in the city of David  
a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

LUKE 2:11