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Greetings from your excited and proud Pastor:

"The devil, our enemy, goes around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."

In his letter to the Jewish Christians, Peter offered a stern warning and what was true then is also true today. Satan never sleeps, never takes a day off, but continues to sow seeds of destruction far and wide.

As Christians, we should begin each day in the Word of God, putting on the whole armor of God, so we can defend ourselves against the devil. And as Christians, we should keep our focus on Christ and reaching people for Christ, which is the reason Christ established the church. May we keep our eyes on the prize!

Love each of you in Christ, Bro. Dennis

Deacons In Service

Tommy Barron
 Jay Barron
 Benton Blackmon
 Charles Cain
 Charles Gamberi
 David O'Briant
 Jay White

A Church United in Love, Exemplary in Their Conduct, Fervent in Prayer, and Wisely Zealous to Promote the Cause of Christ is Very Likely to Increase Rapidly



Father's Day, Sunday, June 19, 2016

The greatest commandment in Scripture is this: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength" ([Deuteronomy 6:5](#)). Going back to verse 2, we read, "So that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life." Following [Deuteronomy 6:5](#), we read, "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" (vv. 6-7).

Israelite history reveals that the father was to be diligent in instructing his children in the ways and words of the Lord for their own spiritual development and well-being. The father who was obedient to the commands of Scripture did just that. This brings us to [Proverbs 22:6](#), "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." To "train" indicates the first instruction that a father and mother give to a child, i.e., his early education. The training is designed to make clear to children the manner of life they are intended for. To commence a child's early education in this way is of great importance. (Continued on page 6)



Brick pavers may be purchased for \$100 each. First and last name only. Contact Melissa Loomis or download and print a form from the website at theridgebc.org

Upcoming Calendar of Volunteers

NURSERY WORKERS

- 5th (M) Michelle Edwards/Sue Cothorn (E) Dolores Black/Samantha Barron
- 12th (M) Dawn Anderson/Romona Lambert (E) Business Meeting
- 19th (M) Dolores Black/Jackie Cain (E) Cindy Craft/Elisha Sanders
- 26th (M) Amy Dewitt/Patsy Smith (E) Cathy Gamberi/Michelle Gamberi

PARKING LOT DUTY

- 5th David Hedrick/Richard Crews
- 12th Charles Wood/Mike Sanders
- 19th Leo Ivy/Donald Black
- 26th Kenneth Dewitt/Lee Whittington

CHILDREN'S CHURCH MOMS

- 5th Elisha Sanders
- 12th Kathy Smith
- 19th Whitney Hedrick
- 26th Edna Craft

Flowers for the Sanctuary & Benevolence Ministry



We are so grateful for those who place flowers in the Sanctuary each week. If you would like to take a turn, please contact Samantha Barron, the chairperson for the sanctuary flowers. The month of May schedule is as follows:

- 5th M/M Jay White
- 12th M/M Steve Edwards
- 19th Mrs. Ann Yearick
- 26th M/M Paul Harris

Our church extends a benevolent hand to those grieving. If you know of a need, the contact for May is Chairperson Marie Harris.

Where Flowers Bloom, so does hope!
Lady Bird Johnson

Marie Harris
318.757.6530/318.757.4314

Pray for America!



Thank God for this great country in which we live! Please pray for the men and women, who stand up and protect and defend our great United States of America!

**National Day of Prayer
Is Thursday
MAY 5, 2016**

Our Family in Service

- Jackie Ashley
- Nathan Bozeman
- Striker Brown
- William Butler
- Joshua Chellete
- David Cloyd
- Dust Craft Tate
- Steven Crane
- Matthew Dobson
- Jeremy Verbeck
- Chance Edwards

- Jarred Edwards
- John Dale Loomis
- Tyler Mason
- Cameron O'Briant
- Bailey Sutherland
- Holden Braswell
- Thomas Tarver
- Kaleigh Beaver

If you would like to add a service man or woman to our prayer list, contact the church office.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12)

What are you placing your hope in for the future? Your country's government, educational system, some plan or organization? My hope is in a Person, the Lord Jesus Christ, who sits at the right hand of God. I have hope and know that I'm going to heaven. And, right here and now in this present life, I have God's presence to help me.

Suppose we had no Bible. Suppose there were no cross, no salvation, no empty tomb. Suppose we had nothing to hang on except, "Do your best, try to patch it up, do what you can." Oh, but we have a hope. There is a plan of redemption, a plan for the future. The New Testament is an exciting Book to read, it is so full of hope and expectancy. And God is interested in you!

This certain hope of being saved is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls, connecting us with God himself . . .

—Hebrews 6:19 (TLB)

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VBS 2016 News

VBS Seminar

June 11

9:00 am

VBS Block Party

July 23

VBS

July 25-29

Director- Samantha Black

Women's and Young Women's Bible Study

The women's bible study group just completed *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer. We learned how to pray regularly, effectively and fervently. This bible study based on Ephesians 4 taught that God gives us HIS armor. Now sisters, if we need God's armor, then the battle must be worthy of adorning such protection. You will lose if you fight without it. You may be saying, I don't want to fight. I want peace. News Flash!! WE ARE AT WAR! The enemy is raging, roaming, seeking whom he may devour. So the question is not if you want to fight, but will you be adequately prepared to fight. Suit up my sisters! It's time! The next bible study will begin in the fall. Watch for details and join us to study and grow in the Word of God!

Young women can join Julie White and our young women as they are growing in God's word. They are currently studying *Obsessed*, the bible study written by Hayley DeMarco. This study intends to realign the priorities of our young ladies to making Christ the center of our heart. Text Julie with comments or questions at **318-758-0440**



Join our men's group at the facility on Highway 15 Saturday, June 11 at 7:00 am. Bring your gun and ammunition for a skeet shoot after breakfast. At 10:00 am we will travel to

the Edward's camp on Lake Concordia for fellowship and a fish fry. Contact Bro Dennis or Steve Edwards for more information. Hope to see you there!



Cinnamon Roll Ministry

Bake, Box and Deliver

June 14, 2016

Contact- Carol Braswell

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Our Church Staff

Pastor and Wife

Bro Dennis & Mrs. Karen Baker

Minister of Music

Bro Jeffery Goodman

Youth Pastor

Bro Denny Braswell

Assistant Youth Pastor

Bro Adam Gamberi

Children's Ministry

Ricky & Cheryl Cullum

Young Adult Ministry

Jay & Pam White

Church Secretary

Mrs. Peggy Barron

We invite you to worship with us! Get plugged in to one of our many weekly and/or monthly ministries.

Sunday

Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

Adult Choir Practice 4:30 pm

Discipleship Training 5:30 pm

Pre Service Prayer 9:00 am

Morning Worship 10:45 pm

Evening Worship 6:30 pm

Monday

Women's bible study

On Summer Break

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:00 pm

Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm

AWANA 6:00 pm

(September - May)

June 2016

Revival, Bro Ed & Mrs. Billie Smith

Building & Grounds Committee Meet

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VBS Seminar

Deacon Committee Meet

Love Circle

Cinnamon Roll Bake Date

Kingdom Builders Work Trip

Father's Day

Pre-Teen Camp, Tall Timbers

Hostess Committee Meeting

June 5 6:00 pm

4:00 pm

June 6 7:00 pm

June 11 9:00 am

June 12 4:30 pm

June 13 11:30 am

June 14 early

June 13-17

June 19

June 20-23

June 26 5:00 pm

Newsletter Posting Deadline

Newsletter Mailed

June 28

June 30



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Bulletin Board

Special Events

June 5-6

Revival Meet
Bro Ed & Mrs. Billie Smith

June 11

VBS Seminar
Men's Retreat

June 13

Love Circle

June 19

Fathers Day

June 13-17

Kingdom Builders Work Trip, Nazareth
Hispanic Mission, Bernice, La

June 20-23

Pre-Teen Camp
Tall Timbers

Welcome to Ridgecrest

~Salvation~

Grace Montpelier
John McDaniel

~Letter~

Henry Brady, Jr.
Shelby Brady

Appreciation

Hostess Committee, Thank all of you for the reception you prepared for our 2016 graduates. The food was excellent, as usual, and for the help in decorations. We are so blessed to have people who are willing to serve and "go the extra mile" to make things special. Thank you.

Peggy Barron

Thank ya'll for the nice reception that you gave us grads. I appreciate all ya'll did. Thank you for the bible the church gave me. I will always treasure it. Thank ya'll each and everyone for being a big part in my life and may God bless ya'll.

Thomas Barron

Thanks so much for being there for me and my family once again. Thanks to the preacher for the preaching of the service, the food, and all that was involved in preparing it, cards and phone calls, those who came by, the flowers, Tommy's Barron's Sunday School class for their memorial gift and most of all the prayers. Such a true blessing.

Tina Gaston

Thank you all for the pretty flowers. It was thoughtful of you all.

Mrs. Robert Rollins

Thank you all for the love and support. Not only that, but for the guidance and encouragement to be the best that I can be. I will carry the advice and words of wisdom with me wherever life may take me. Each and every one of you have been a blessing in my life. I ask that you please continue to pray for me. Life is only just beginning and there's no telling what God has in store for me. Love Katlyn Baker

Memorial

Robert Rollins
Father-in-Law to Dawn Rollins

Recipes from the Heart
A Cookbook Compiled by Family and Friends of RBC

\$10

Contact Samantha Barron

Father's Day Continued

[Ephesians 6:4](#) is a summary of instructions to the father, stated in both a negative and positive way. “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” The negative part of this verse indicates that a father is not to foster negativity in his children by severity, injustice, partiality, or unreasonable exercise of authority. Harsh, unreasonable conduct towards a child will only serve to nurture evil in the heart. The word “provoke” means “to irritate, exasperate, rub the wrong way, or incite.” This is done by a wrong spirit and wrong methods—severity, unreasonableness, sternness, harshness, cruel demands, needless restrictions, and selfish insistence upon dictatorial authority. Such provocation will produce adverse reactions, deadening children’s affection, reducing their desire for holiness, and making them feel that they cannot possibly please their parents. A wise parent seeks to make obedience desirable and attainable by love and gentleness.

The positive part of [Ephesians 6:4](#) is expressed in a comprehensive direction—educate them, bring them up, develop their conduct in all of life by the instruction and admonition of the Lord. This is the whole process of educating and discipline. The word “admonition” carries the idea of reminding the child of faults (constructively) and duties (responsibilities).

The Christian father is really an instrument in God's hand. The whole process of instruction and discipline must be that which God commands and which He administers, so that His authority should be brought into constant and immediate contact with the mind, heart, and conscience of children. The human father should never present himself as the ultimate authority to determine truth and duty. It is only by making God the teacher and ruler on whose authority everything is done that the goals of education can best be attained.

Martin Luther said, “Keep an apple beside the rod to give the child when he does well.” Discipline must be exercised with watchful care and constant training with much prayer. Chastening, discipline, and counsel by the Word of God, giving both reproof and encouragement, is at the core of “admonition.” The instruction proceeds from the Lord, is learned in the school of Christian experience, and is administered by the parents—primarily the father, but also, under his direction, the mother. Christian discipline is needed to enable children to grow up with reverence for God, respect for parental authority, knowledge of Christian standards, and habits of self-control.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness” ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)). A father’s first responsibility is to acquaint his children with Scripture. The means and methods that fathers may use to teach God's truth will vary. As the father is faithful in role modeling, what children learn about God will put them in good standing throughout their earthly lives, no matter what they do or where they go.



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