



Ridgecrest Baptist Church

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Greetings from your excited and proud Pastor:

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly.

One of the wonderful things about being a believer is the knowledge that God has a plan for our lives.

And, as a believer we should start every day with this question. " How closely can I align my plans with God's plans"?

The more closely you manage to follow the path that God intends for your life, the more you will benefit from the spiritual abundant life that God offers to those who seek his will and obey His commandments. May the Lord richly bless our church as we seek to live for Him every day of our life. Bro Dennis

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

Deacons In Service

Tommy Barron

Jay Barron

Benton Blackmon

Charles Cain

Charles Gamberi

David O'Briant

Jay White

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Special points of interest:

- *Courtyard is complete*
- *Engraved pavers are available for purchase for \$100*

Memorial Courtyard Complete!!

The finishing touches have been applied to the memorial courtyard and it is ready for you to enjoy. We appreciate your support and prayers thru the completion of this project and we hope it will provide a place for reflection and remembrance. Over 100 engraved pavers were installed. If you would like to purchase a brick in memory of your family or friend, pick up a brochure, contact Melissa Loomis at 318-757-7831 or check out our Face book page and website at www.theridgebc.org. New pavers will be installed after every 20 pavers purchased.





The Fish are Biting!

Spring has arrived! With the more pleasant weather and longer days, there seems to be more time to get things done! It's a busy time of year. There are many plans in the works and so much going on. A visitation program is in the works and the details are still being worked out. If we are intent on reaching this community for the Kingdom of Christ, we must cast our nets. Jesus told his disciples in Matthew 4:19, "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men." So, first we must follow Him! Seek the Lord's guidance and if you are willing come, join us to knock on doors, visit and reach out to our community and let them know of the amazing love God has for us all.

It's exciting to see the new faces at Ridgecrest. Let's welcome them and get to know them. Join us April 17 at 4:30 pm in the "old fellowship hall" for a "meet & greet" coffee and cake fellowship.

Spring Revival Behind Us and Looking Ahead



Our first revival meeting of 2016 is behind us now. If you missed any night of the revival, you can listen on sermon audio. We learned Monday from Bro Glen Harrigill how much God truly loves us from John 3:16. Bro Byron Gray taught on the importance of simple evangelism and how to reach the lost from John 4:1-7. Then we learned Wednesday night about how our facial expressions indicate what is in our

heart from Bro Todd Whittington. On Thursday night, Bro Greg Dunn taught on the importance of obeying the Lord from Genesis 39:1-20. Finally, Bro Clay Fuqua challenged us to examine our own hearts and determine if we truly want revival.

It was a great week! May the spirit of revival continue to burn in all our hearts as we love one another as God loves us and reach out to the community in which we live to win

the lost. We can only share something we have. Did you get revived? If you did, GO! SHARE! WIN!

We appreciate the messages from our guest speakers of the week and the glorious worship in music provided by Bro Jeffery Goodman and our own sanctuary choir.

Pray for America!



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

**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.

Upcoming Calendar of Volunteers

NURSERY WORKERS	PARKING LOT DUTY	CHILDREN'S CHURCH MOMS
3rd (M) Dawn Anderson/ Romona Lambert (E) Samantha Barron/Dolores Black	3rd David Hedrick/ Charles Wood	3rd Kathy Smith
10th (M) Jackie Cain/Dolores Black (E) Business Meeting	10th Mike Sanders/Leo Ivy	10th Whitney Hedrick
17th (M) Amy Dewitt/Patsy Smith (E) Cindy Craft/Elisha Sanders	17th Donald Black/ Kenneth Dewitt	17th Edna Craft
24th (M) Cathy Gamberi/ Rebekah Whittington (E) Cathy Gamberi/Michelle Gamberi	24th Lee Whittington/ Jay Barron	24th Linda Helmes



Welcome
 Barnes Christopher Edwards
 March 18, 2016
 Parents
 Collin & Lindsay
 Brothers
 Jed & Shep
 Grandparents
 Kathy Edwards
 Great Grandparents
 Roy & Ivy Wagoner
 Great Aunt
 Frances Poole

A New Bible Study Announced for Women

The women's bible study group is finishing an 11-week bible study, "A Woman's Heart", God's Dwelling Place by author and Women of Faith speaker, Beth Moore.

A new bible study is on the horizon. The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer is a 7-week study that will change your life. Join us and in preparation for the daily battles of life.

The women's bible study group meets every Monday at 6:00 pm, with prayer and dinner starting at 5:50 pm. Come join us! Contact Karen Baker for more details.



Welcome
 Finlea Caroline Gamberi
 March 25, 2016
 Parents
 Adam & Michelle
 Grandparents
 Charles & Cathy Gamberi
 Grandparents
 Mike Yearick
 Christy Hash
 Great Grandparents
 Arlene Cloyd

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 MARCH schedule is as follows:

3rd	Mr & Mrs Steve Vestal
10th	David Ainsworth
17th	Mr & Mrs David Hedrick
24th	Tina Gaston

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

Samantha Barron
 318.389-5195/318.531.0556
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 318.757.6530/318.757.4314



Where Flowers Bloom, so does hope!
Lady Bird Johnson

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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. Currently, Beth Moore
A Woman's Heart

Weekly 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 7:00 pm

AWANA 6:00 pm
(September - May)

April 2016

Building & Grounds Committee Meet

April 3 4:00 pm

Patterson VBS Plan Meet

4:00 pm

Lord's Supper Observed

PM Worship

Deacon Committee Meet

April 10 4:30 pm

Fellowship Supper/Business Meeting

5:30 pm

Love Circle

April 11 11:30 am

AWANA Store

April 13

Blood Drive

April 14 4:00 pm

Meet & Greet Welcome

April 17 4:30 pm

Hostess Committee Meet

5:00 pm

Cinnamon Roll Ministry

April 19 EARLY!!

AWANA Awards Night

April 20 7:00 pm

Evangelism Rally

April 24 5:30 pm

Newsletter Posting Deadline

April 26

Newsletter Mailed

April 28



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Once there, make it your favorite for easy access.

Enjoy!



Bulletin Board

Special Events

April 3

Lord's Supper Observed, Evening Worship

April 3

Deadline to sign up for Church Camp

April 10

Fellowship Supper and Business Meeting
5:30 PM

April 13

AWANA Store

APRIL 16

Children's Ministry Activity
9 am -12 pm
Old Fellowship Hall

APRIL 20

AWANA AWARDS NIGHT
7:00 PM

April 17, 4:30

Meet & Greet Coffee & Cake
Old Fellowship Hall

April 24, 2016

Evangelism Rally
5:30 pm
Harrisonburg Baptist Church

Attention Graduates

Congratulations! A special reception will be held in your honor on May 1, 2016 at 4:45 pm. Please let Peggy Barron know if you plan to participate.

Welcome to Ridgecrest

~Baptism~

Rebekah Whittington

~Salvation~

John McDaniel

~Letter~

Nick & Allison Coley
Whitney Hedrick
Mary Coley Smith
Christina Smith
Heather Charrier
Dawn Rollins

Special Needs

If you would like fix a meal for Veronica Boren and her family, please contact Tanja Maroon. Thank you in advance!

Appreciation

Thank you to all who hosted and gave towards the meals for the Revival Speakers!

FYI

UPDATE YOUR ROLODEX

Pastor Dennis Baker 318.719.8915
Karen Baker 318.713.4112

Congratulations

Fred & Mary Smith
Married
March 19, 2016

Recipes from the Heart

A Cookbook Compiled by Family and Friends of RBC
\$15

Contact Samantha Barron

Don't Worry
God is never blind to your
tears, never deaf to your prayers,
and never silent to your pain.
He sees, He hears
and **HE** will **deliver.**

Matthew 6:25-34 New International Version (NIV)

Do Not Worry

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[a]?"

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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