



## Ridgecrest Baptist Church

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## Sanctuary Dedication Date Set

It's been well over a year and we thought we may never see the day, but here we are!

We've moved in and we are ready to dedicate our new sanctuary. You may be wondering what a sanctuary dedication is. I'm glad you asked. Dedicate by definition means to devote something to a particular subject or purpose.

We hope you join us with one accord to devote this sanctuary to God, to be used by Him, to be used for Him, and most of all to glorify Him with the goal that souls may be saved and lives may be changed forever. His precious word says that if I be lifted up, I WILL draw all men unto me. (John 12:32) We want to lift up the Lord! We

want to worship Him. We want to praise Him and we want to thank Him.

Built with many giving hands, generous pockets and bathed in prayer, our sanctuary is now complete and ready to receive and help the hurting, preach and teach the gospel, minister to the needy, comfort the grieving and love as Christ loves us. We want to be salt and light to the community in which God has allowed us to join Him to serve.

We hope you will join us to dedicate this building to Our Lord, on **January 15, 2016 starting at 6:00 pm**. Guest Speakers include Bro Craig James, the Ouachita Associa-

tion Director of Missions, Kingdom Builders Representative and to lead us in praise and worship will be our own Jeffery Goodman, Minister of Music and the Ridgecrest Baptist Church Sanctuary Chior.

Now you know we can't do it up right without a bite to eat. We'll feed you if you stay. Join us for a time of fellowship and food in our fellowship hall behind the educational building.

We are excited about what the Lord is doing here at Ridgecrest and in the family of God and we hope you join us as we anticipate a glorious 2016.

### Special points of interest:

- *Courtyard memorial scheduled to break ground February 2016*
- *A beautiful fountain encircled with brick benches and engraved pavers*
- *Engraved bricks are available for purchase for \$100 each*

## A New Year brings a New Project

"We'll work til Jesus comes" was a song written in 1805 by Elizabeth K Mills and may describe the sentiments of some at Ridgecrest. The word "work" is mentioned in the bible approximately 793 times. Work, we know is important to the Lord, for he gave us the instructions and the example. Our most recent "work" project is a courtyard memorial. Engraved bricks may be pur-

chased for \$100 each in memory of your family member or friend. This courtyard will be situated between the new sanctuary and the educational building. The engraved pavers will encircle a fountain and offer bench seating for one to reflect and remember the lives of those we once shared a pew with and those we hold dear. If you would like to purchase a brick in mem-

ory of your family or friend, contact Melissa Loomis at 318-757-7831 or check out our Facebook page.



**Courtyard view from Ferriday Drive**



**A Word From Your Excited and Proud Pastor, Bro Dennis Baker**

## Happy New Year!

*At Long Last...*

Beginning a New Year in our New Sanctuary with anticipation of our Awesome Savior doing a great work in our community, let's strive to be the light of the world and may each of our lights shine brighter than ever before: I love and appreciate each one of you. May the Lord richly bless our church this year and for HIS GLORY!!

### SERMON AUDIO

Never miss a Sunday Service again. Listen anywhere, anytime with SERMON AUDIO. Go to [sermonaudio.com](http://sermonaudio.com), click "my church", enter "theridge", select member. With your smartphone download the free sermon audio app. Search for Ridgecrest Baptist Church. Once there, make it your favorite for easy access. Enjoy!

### EVANGELISM RALLY

We will host the Ouachita Association Evangelism Rally Sunday, January 17 at 5:30 pm with Bro Jamie Coulter as our Guest Speaker. Some people know him as the "Little Giant Of Gospel Music and Some know him as "The Skateboard Preacher." But no matter how you know him, you know Jamie Coulter is a 3ft. tall man with a 10ft. tall voice and a life changing message!



## New Class Offered for College Students and Graduates

A new study from LifeWay Research reveals that more than two-thirds of young adults who attend a Protestant church for at least a year in high school will stop attending church regularly for at least a year between the ages of 18 and 22. Life changes or life situations cause young people to leave the church. In fact, 97 percent of dropouts list one or more specific life-change

issues as a reason they left church.

Because we don't want you to be a statistical drop out, we invite you to join a Sunday school class designed with you in mind. This class will offer an in depth study of God's word, a most important part of your spiritual growth and maturity. Bible study is essential for many reasons. The Bible remains

the only source of divine revelation and power that can sustain you as a Christian in your walk with God

Come learn from the teaching of Michael Davis starting Sunday morning at 9:30 am.



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

## 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.

## Upcoming Calendar of Volunteers

| NURSERY WORKERS   | PARKING LOT DUTY                     | CHILDREN'S CHURCH MOMS |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 3rd (M) Edna Craft/ Peggy Wood (E) Jackie Cain & Elisha Sanders         | 3rd William Seyfarth Benton Blackmon | 3rd Samantha Black     |
| 10th (M) Marie Harris & Mary Sue Jackson (E) NO NURSERY                 | 10th Paul Harris Richard Crews       | 10th Cindy Craft       |
| 17th (M) Sue Cothorn/Michelle Edwards (E) Marie Harris/ Peggy Barron    | 17th Glen Eames Eddie Nugent         | 17th Elisha Sanders    |
| 24th (M) Dawn Anderson/ Ramona Lambert (E) Mary Sue Jackson/Linda Wiley | 24th David Hedrick Bill Rayborn      | 24th Kathy Smith       |
| 31st (M) Dolores Black/Jackie Cain (E) Samantha Barron/ Dolores Black   | 31st Charles Wood Mike Sanders       | 31st Whitney Hedrick   |



Welcome  
*Melodi Luna Tate*  
 Proud Parents  
 David & Dusty Tate  
 Brother Lyric  
 Grandparents  
 Mayo & Cindy Craft  
 & Mrs. Melba Landers

## Beth Moore, Breaking Free and Living Proof

The women's bible study group just completed the 10 week study Breaking Free, by author and Women of Faith speaker, Beth Moore. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us as we live a life free from the bondage of strongholds and follow Jesus like never before. Just loving Jesus! If you were unable to participate, there's a new bible study on the horizon, stay tuned for de-

tails. In the mean time, we're looking ahead to the summer 2016 when Beth Moore will be live at the Mitchell Center in Mobile Alabama August 26-27, 2016. She will be teaching the Living Proof Study accompanied by Worship Leader Travis Cotrell.

If you are interested, contact Melissa Loomis for more information or check out the

website at <http://www.lifeway.com/Event/Womens-Event-Living-Proof-Live-Mobile-AL> and let her know if you would like to take a trip!



Beth Moore is an American evangelist, author, and Bible teacher. She is the founder of Living Proof Ministries, a Bible-based organization for women based in Houston, Texas

## Flowers for the Sanctuary & Benevolence

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, our contact for the sanctuary flowers. The month of January schedule is as follows:



- 3rd Peggy Prunty
- 10th Kathy Smith & Fmly
- 17th Mitzie Bolyer
- 24th M/M Kenneth Dewitt
- 31st M/M Paul Maris

**Where Flowers Bloom, so does hope!**  
 Lady Bird Johnson

Our church offers help to those grieving and for the month of January, Cindy Craft and Edna Craft will take the lead to organize food needs of our church family. They can be reached at the numbers below.

Cindy 601.334.0178  
 Edna 318.757.2176  
 Marie 318.757.6530



**No one ever told me grief felt so like fear.**  
 C.S. Lewis

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**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**



**UNITY WITH  
DIVERSITY  
REVEALS YOUR  
SPIRITUALITY**

#### Church Staff

**Pastor**

Bro Dennis Baker

**Minister of Music**

Bro Jeffery Goodman

**Children & Youth Pastor**

Bro Denny Braswell

**Assistant Children & Youth Pastor**

Bro Adam Gamberi

**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

Breaking Free

Coming Soon, A Woman's Heart

Weekly 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 7:00 pm

AWANA 6:00 pm

(September - May)

#### Opportunities for January 2016

Children's Activities Plan Meet

Love Circle

Church wide Fellowship Supper

(SOUP AND GUMBO)

Monthly Business Meeting

Sanctuary Dedication

Ouachita Assoc Evangelism Rally

Cinnamon Roll Ministry

January 10, 4:00 pm

January 11, 11:30 am

January 11, 5:30 pm

January 11, 6:00 pm

January 15, 6:30 pm

January 17, 5:30 pm

January 19, 8:00 am

## To Sum it All Up!

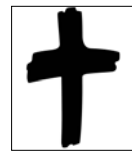
We're excited this New Year of 2016 and about what the Lord is doing at Ridgecrest Baptist Church.

We eagerly anticipate His Spirit to move in our church, in our community, in our state but most of all in each of our hearts as we look to Him to inform us and direct us.

With so much going on and so many opportunities to worship and serve, we invite you to be a part of the excitement!

God called us to be salt and light in a dark world. Are you salt and light in your circle of influence? Do you impact those around you for the good.

If not, then start now! Go be salty and bright. See ya in the Lord's House!



#### Deacons In Service

Tommy Barron

Jay Barron

Benton Blackmon

Charles Cain

Charles Gamberi

David O'Briant

Jay White

#### Looking Ahead

February is right around the corner. Here are some things to look forward to:

2nd Deadline for Newsletter Posting

7th Building Grounds Meeting

12 Youth Valentine Party

13 Children Valentine Party

13th Valentine Supper

16th Cinnamon Roll Day

18th Laymen Soul Rally

#### Thank You!

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who had a part in making the children's musical a success. To those of you who gave of your time, talents and your monies to help...WE THANK YOU!!!