

**Ministry Workers  
NURSERY**

**January 01**  
**Morning:** Dolores Black & Rachael Braswell  
**Evening:** Pam White & Elisha Sanders  
**January 08**  
**Morning:** Cathy Gamberi & Rebekah Whittington  
**Evening:** *NO NURSERY*, Fellowship Supper  
**January 15**  
**Morning:** Peggy Wood & Cindy Craft  
**Evening:** Pam White & Amy DeWitt  
**January 22**  
**Morning:** Michelle Edwards & Michelle Gamberi  
**Evening:** Dolores Black & Rachael Braswell  
**January 29**  
**Morning:** Edna Craft & JoAnn Montpelier  
**Evening:** Peggy Wood & Cathy Gamberi

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS**

**January 01** Kathy Edwards  
**January 08** Amy DeWitt  
**January 15** Samantha Black  
**January 22** Cindy Craft  
**January 29** Melissa Loomis

**PARKING LOT SECURITY**

**January 01**

**Morning:** David Ainsworth  
**Evening:** Benton Blackmon

**January 08**

**Morning:** Richard Crews  
**Evening:** Charles Wood

**January 15**

**Morning:** Glen Eames  
**Evening:** Mike Sanders

**January 22**

**Morning:** Gregg Loomis  
**Evening:** Donald Black

**January 29**

**Morning:** Kenneth DeWitt  
**Evening:** Lee Whittington

**FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY**

**January 01**

Mr and Mrs William Hall

**January 08**

Mr and Mrs Gregg Loomis

**January 15**

Mr and Mrs Mike Yearick

**January 18**

Mr and Mrs Kenneth DeWitt

**January 25**

Mr and Mrs Paul Marks

**BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Edna Craft 318.757.2176  
 318.729.0999

**JANUARY:** Darlene Humphries 318.757.8978

***If you would like to serve on the  
benevolence committee, please contact  
Mrs. Edna Craft. Thank you!***

**Weekly Opportunities to Worship**

**Sunday**

Men's Prayer & Breakfast	7:00 am
Prayer Time (Prayer Room)	9:00 am
Sunday School	9:30 am
Morning Worship Service	10:45 am
Children's Church	11:00 am
Children's Choir Practice	4:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice	4:30 pm
Discipleship Training	5:30 pm
Evening Worship	6:30 pm

**Wednesday**

AWANA (Sept-May)	6:00-8:00 pm
Prayer Service & Bible Study	6:30 pm

**Deacons**

Benton Blackmon	318.719.1462
Charles Gamberi	601.445.5113
David O'Briant	318.757.4038
Jay White	225.367.0023

<b>Pastor, Bro Dennis Baker</b>	<b>318.719.8915</b>
<b>Youth Pastor, Denny Braswell</b>	<b>318.389.4040</b>
<b>Music Minister, Jeffery Goodman</b>	<b>601.807.6216</b>

**Pray for our "family" in service to our country:**

Jackie Ashley, Korea	
Nathan Bozeman Air Force	
Striker Brown, Navy	Jacob Butler, Afghan
Joshua Chelette, Afghan	Ethan Wood, Navy
David Cloyd, Reserves	Dusti Tate, Reserves
Steven Crane, Air Force	Jamy Loomis, Marines
Jeremy Verbeck, Marines	
Chance Edwards, Air Force	Jarred Edwards, Air Force
Tyler Mason, Afghan	
John Dale Loomis National Guard	
Cameron O'Briant, Navy	Bailey Sutherland, Army
Thomas Tarver, National Guard	

**New Year's Reflection and Prayer**

**As the old year ends and a new one begins,  
take time.**

**Time to remember the struggles you faced,  
And mistakes you might have made,  
And maybe even loved ones you lost.**

**In every year, you experience heartache.  
This one was no different.**

**And in remembering, find a seed of hope  
hidden in yesterday.**

**Remember how you've been blessed.  
Relive when you found unexpected strength.  
Recall where you saw God's great Spirit at  
work.  
And know his mercy kept you going all this  
time.**

**Recognize his mercy. Ask for his peace.**

**The peace that pours out every moment of  
every day from the wounds of Christ.**

**Prepare us Lord for the New Year.  
Lift us up and place in our hearts,  
A renewed desire to know and worship you  
more.  
Give us your abundant grace.  
Shower us with your healing love.**

**May your eternal Kingdom reign in our hearts  
and our lives. May the New Year show us once  
again your eternal mercy and glory.**

**And let us sing your praises with great joy.**

**In Jesus name, Amen.**



**MEMORIAL COURTYARD**

Engraved brick pavers may be purchased in memory of your loved one for \$100. New purchases will be installed in the early Spring. **Deadline for orders will be January 31, 2017.** Please turn orders in to Melissa Loomis. Special Designations/offering are welcome for maintenance and upkeep.

**Sermon Audio**

Miss a service? Listen anywhere anytime? Messages are available on your computer at sermonaudio.com, click "My Church", type "theridge" and press remember. Click on MY CHURCH button, page will come up **OR** Smartphone when you download free app. Touch 2<sup>nd</sup> box on bottom "MY CHURCH", type "theridge", select sermon you wish to hear.

**Acknowledgements Received  
(please see bulletin board)**



**If you would like to place flowers in the  
sanctuary, please contact  
Ms. Hazel Minor. Thank you!**

Greetings:  
From your excited and Proud Pastor:

Well, Praise the Lord! We made it through another year. 2016 went by extremely fast, or so it seemed to me.

I pray that each one of you had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Karen and I would love to say "THANK YOU" so very much for the cards, gifts, love and support. It is such a blessing to be a part of the Ridgecrest family.

I'm sure 2017 will be as busy as 2016. But, my prayer for all of us is, make time for Jesus.

Time, is truly a precious commodity and time spent with Jesus and for Jesus is time well spent. Amen and all God's people said Amen!

And, if we are blessed to see January of 2018, we will have been given 365 days, 8,760 hours and 525,949.2 minutes to use for Christ's glory!

If you have taken the time to read this newsletter, you now have 525,939.2 minutes left of the 2017 calendar year. You see how fast it gets by us?

May we be found using more of our minutes to magnify our Savior!!

Happy New Year  
Bro Dennis

### CHURCH CALENDAR

- Jan 1** Building & Grounds Committee Meeting 4:00 pm  
**Lord's Supper Observed, Evening Service**
- Jan 5** Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 pm
- Jan 8** Deacon's Meeting 4:30 pm  
Fellowship Supper 5:30 pm followed by Business Meeting
- Jan 9** Love Circle 11:30 am
- Jan 15** Church Events Planning Meeting 4:30 pm
- Jan 26** Bulletin Mailed. Articles due by Jan 23
- Jan 29** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing

### PLANNING AHEAD

- Feb 10** Youth Costume Party
- Feb 11** Children's Valentine Party
- Feb 11** Adult Valentine Dinner
- Mar 12-13** Spring Revival with Bro Jamie Coultier
- Jul 22** VBS Block Party
- Jul 23-28** Vacation Bible School



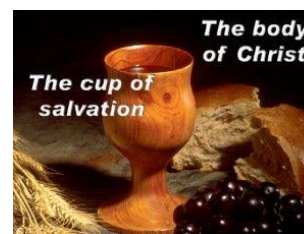
*Mrs Rosalie Kirven*  
December 5, 2016

*Mrs Evelyn Roberts*  
December 10, 2016  
Grandmother of Eric Hawly & Michelle Bozeman



**January 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm**

ALL ladies who would like to be involved in planning and helping with our church activities, please meet in room #19



**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Lord's Supper will be observed during the evening service



**January 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm**

Soup, Chili & Gumbo Fellowship Supper



**January 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm**

Please let Jeffery know if you will be participating by January 25<sup>th</sup>.

# Thank You

The church would like to THANK ALL of you that were involved in our many ministries throughout the month of December.  
**To God be the glory!**

Dear Members at Ridgecrest,  
Thanks for your support and prayers. Please continue as we keep on sharing the Love of Christ with the mountain people of Old Mexico. May each family there feel God's love and unity.  
**Bro Rick Shields**



**June 23-24<sup>th</sup>**

**Baton Rouge River Center**

If you are interested in attending the Living Proof Live, Beth Moore Conference, please sign up by January 31<sup>st</sup> or you may make your own reservations. The cost of the conference is \$59. If needed, a church van will be provided for transportation.



The Awana store is accepting new or gently used and/or cash donations. Please turn items into the office.