

Ridgecrest Baptist Church
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Return Service Requested

Sunday Services—Fall Schedule

9:00 am - *Library Opens*
9:30 am - *Sunday School*
10:45 am - *Morning Worship*
5:00 pm - *AWANA*
6:15 pm - *Evening Worship*

Wednesday Services— Fall Schedule

5:00 pm - Fellowship Supper
5:30 pm - Children's Choir
6:15 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Children in Action/Mission Friends
T.R.U.T.H.
Prayer and Bible Study - FH

God GAVE His son and Jesus GAVE His life ...Christians, by nature and God's example, give SACRIFICIALLY

There is little doubt that this world is going through an unprecedented time. In relation to our church, this crisis not only affects how we worship but how we give. On Sunday, March 22nd, the first Sunday we worshipped with online- only-services, RBC took in the smallest Sunday offering received in decades. There maybe several reasons for this decline in giving.

1) Out of sight, out of mind. Because there was no normal service everyone attended at church and no offering plate passed by us, some may have simply forgot to offer a gift to the Lord. 2) With all the unpredictability around us, some may have been afraid to give. 3) Another cause may have not involved forgetfulness or fear, but been a realization that economic hard times are coming. This involves thoughts that if I give my tithe and offering to God I may run out of money for myself. God loves a cheerful giver. If we say we are trusting God during these difficult times, then we can also trust Him to provide for our needs monetarily. Just like all of us have bills to pay, the church continues to pay utility bills, give money for crisis intervention, and meet its other financial obligations. Please pray for our church and ask God to provide the money we need to survive.

The People Came...	Feb. 23	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22
Sunday School	99	97	85	53	SS Cancelled
10:45 AM Worship Celebration	99	99	89	47	On-line Service
6:15 PM Evening Worship	No Service	17	15	No Service	No Service

The People Gave...	Feb. 23	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22
Weekly Stewardship Goal	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40
Stewardship Receipts	7,801.00	12,394.50	9,399.80	7,943.81	3,134.00
Other Contributions YTD	1,506.62	2,017.53	2,532.27	2,532.27	2,532.27
Stewardship Receipts YTD	62,625.36	75,019.86	84,419.66	92,363.47	95,497.47
Expenditures YTD	59,249.02	80,574.60	83,537.77	95,004.83	98,001.25
Stewardship Goal YTD	83,995.20	94,494.60	104,994.00	115,493.40	125,992.80
Designated	1,261.00	1,248.00	320.00	642.00	925.00

STAFF	Ministers	Every Church Member
	Pastor	Dr. Gary Blair
	Associate Pastor	Tom Smith
	Music Minister	Ron Mallory
	Bookkeeping	(Aldridge Borden & Company)
	Pastor's/Ministries Secretary	Carolyn Jones
	Ministries Assistant	Jackie Bryant



April 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 WMU - NO Meeting
5 10:45 Worship Service - on-line, website and Facebook Palm Sunday	6	7	8	9	10 Church Office Closed	11
12 Easter Sunday drive-in worship service, on-line, website and Facebook No Evening Worship	13	14	15 Wednesday Night Supper - 5pm - FLC - TBD Prayer/Bible Study - 6:15pm-FH - TBD	16 Young At Heart Mtg.- 10:00am - FLC	17	18
19 *Budget/Finance Mtg. - 4pm - Rm 103 *AWANA - 5pm *Adult VBS #1 - 5pm	20	21	22 *Wednesday Night Supper - 5pm - FLC - TBD *Prayer/Bible Study - 6:15pm-FH - TBD *Youth VBS #1 - TBD	23	24	25
26 *Deacon's Mtg. - 4pm - Room 301 *AWANA - 5pm *Adult VBS #2	27	28	29 *Wednesday Night Supper- 5pm- FLC - TBD *Quarterly Business Mtg./Prayer/Bible Study - 6:15pm - FH - TBD *Youth VBS #2 - TBD	30		



Adult VBS - Concrete & Cranes Jesus! Our Strong Foundation

- Five Sessions: (1) Foundation of Love - Matthew 9:9-13
(2) Foundation of Forgiveness - Acts 26:1-20
(3) Foundation of Worth - Matthew 26:36-46
(4) Foundation of Promise - Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20
(5) Foundation For Life - Matthew 7:24-29

First Session: Sunday, April 19th at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

From your Pastor's Heart....

Welcome to a unique April! A few months ago, when 2020 began, none of us could have imagined that we would be "social-distancing" and life as we knew it would all be changed. COVID-19 has brought our normal church schedule, and the world, to a halt. These are unpredictable and disturbing times. However, we serve an unchanging God who is forever faithful. We do not have to worry or fear. We do need to respect the virus and those in authority who are issuing commands to protect public safety.

I miss seeing each one of you! The hugs and handshakes we receive from each other each Sunday are even more precious to us now. Our freedom to gather freely and worship our Savior has become even more important as well. I hope we will forever be changed, for the better, by these strange times and become committed to be in attendance EVERY Sunday when this pandemic is over, because coming together to worship on the Lord's Day each week is a joy and a privilege!

Even though the new problems we are facing may be testing your endurance, your character, and your faith, we must never forget to thank God even in our suffering. God is using them to build us up for the blessings He is preparing for you. This is a promise from God....those who persevere and love Him in trials will be blessed!

We have been shifting our worship each week to an online service. While this is not the usual way you join us for worship, it is what we are doing for now. You can view our weekly worship at 10:45 Sunday mornings on our church Facebook page, on our website, or on YouTube. Just search for Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Montgomery on any of these internet platforms and worship from the comfort of your home.

We love you and we are praying with you for this crisis to end quickly. Please let us know how we can serve you, Pastor Gary

EASTER MORNING WORSHIP



After looking at various options for our Easter Service this year, we have decided our best approach will be to have "Drive-In-Easter-Services" at a new **9:00AM** time. If weather permits, we will meet in our cars and worship while practicing responsible social distancing. We plan to lead worship in front of the Family Life Center where the handicapped parking is located. This will serve as our platform area where the worship team, announcements, and message will be shared. You will park in the parking places in our parking lot, but we will leave every other space empty so cars are closer to 6' apart. Parking assistants will be available to help find you a parking place when you arrive. Remain in your car. There will be no access to the building. Don't worry about how you dress, just come celebrate our risen Lord with your church family and invite neighbors and friends to join us for our "Drive-In" service. When Mary, Peter, and John came to the empty tomb early that first Easter morning, the tomb was empty. Now we will keep our buildings empty, but still celebrate outside just as Mary was outside when she knelt before her Risen Lord. See you on April 12th!

Wednesday DINNER & BIBLE STUDY

Adult Meals - \$8.00 Children's Meals - \$6.00

April 1	Baked Ziti, Texas Toast, Salad and Dessert
April 8	Ranch Chicken, Yellow Rice, String Beans, Salad, Rolls and Dessert
April 15	Chicken Tetrassini, Green Beans Salad, Rolls and Dessert
April 22	Hamburger Patty with Gravy, Rice, String Beans, Salad, Rolls and Dessert
April 29	Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Salad and Dessert

Servers

April 1	Mickie Cantey
April 8	Nancy Graves
April 15	Susan Campbell
April 22	Tom Anderson
April 29	Nancy Graves

Collectors

April 1	Joyce Ottinger
April 8	Tom Anderson
April 15	Jim and Carol Seale
April 22	Velita McFarland
April 29	Tom Anderson

Note: Please contact Carolyn, 277-0011, or Angie, 320-5179, in advance when not able to serve or collect on your scheduled date.

Counting Team Schedule . . .

Mon. April 6	Tyson Thompson, Marianne Harrell
Mon. April 13	Joyce Ottinger, Sara Brown
Mon. April 20	Velita McFarland, Betty Brown
Mon. April 27	Sheila Kelley

LIBRARY NEWS

HOSANNA!

He is Risen! Happy Easter!

We are living in some crazy times now with the struggles and changes due to the Corona-virus problem. Let's make sure we do not only protect ourselves, but are also protective of others around us.

Prayer is very important!
Don't worry, PRAY! Pray fervently!
God answers our prayers. He will bring us through these times!
Remember, A lot can happen in just 3 days!