

Ridgecrest Baptist Church
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Return Service Requested

**Sunday Worship Services
are available on
YouTube/Ridgecrest Baptist Church
Montgomery, Alabama, our website
and on Facebook**

*(Tentative in-Person Worship
Date— September 13, 2020)*

Concrete & Cranes
Vacation Bible School has been postponed until 2021

Counting Team Schedule . . .

Mon. August 3	Tyson Thompson
Mon. August 10	Joyce Ottinger
Mon. August 17	Velita McFarland
Mon. August 24	Betty Brown
Mon. August 31	Sara Brown

The People Came...	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	
Sunday School	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	
10:45 AM Worship Celebration	Online	Online	Online	Online	
6:15 PM Evening Worship	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	
The People Gave...	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	
Weekly Stewardship Goal	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40	
Stewardship Receipts	9,428.10	8,080.00	9,566.00		
Other Contributions YTD	9,270.15	9,469.56	9,469.56		
Stewardship Receipts YTD	227,869.38	235,949.38	245,515.38		
Expenditures YTD	224,909.47	235,634.43	239,652.37		
Stewardship Goal YTD	283,483.80	293,983.20	304,482.60		
Designated	50.00	25.00	125.00		

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



August 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 On-line Worship Service - 10:45 am	3 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	4	5 Prayer Meeting -6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 pm - via Zoom	6	7	8
9 On-line Worship Service - 10:45 am	10 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	11	12 Prayer Meeting -6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 pm - via Zoom	13	14	15
16 On-line Worship Service - 10:45 am	17 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	18	19 Prayer Meeting -6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 pm - via Zoom	20	21	22
23 On-line Worship Service - 10:45 am	24 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	25	26 Prayer Meeting -6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 pm - via Zoom	27	28	29
30 On-line Worship Service - 10:45 am	31 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom					



**SHOEBOX
UPDATE**
 Adjustments will be made to
 drop-off locations to ensure safe
 collection?

National Collection Week
November 16-23, 2020

**Every gift-filled shoebox is
a tangible expression of
God's love!**
Don't Forget!

- No Toothpaste or Candy
- \$9 Donation per box to provide
for shipping and ministry
expenses.

When you Study the Bible, Ask

What does it say?

— **Observation** —

Simply, what do you see in the passage? What is it saying?

What is happening? Who is speaking? Who is the audience listening in? What is *not* being said?

- What do certain words mean? Look up words you don't know and see where else in the Bible are these words used.
- Is there any historical or culture background I need to know?
- Is there anything from the context that might affect my understanding of the passage? (context is critical!)

Observation takes the longest. Do not rush! You will often miss the depth of truth Jesus wants to reveal.

What does it mean?

— **Interpretation** —

Once you have read the passage through several times, you are ready to ask yourself: "What does it mean?" Not what it means to me but what did it mean to the original audience.

You'll find as you make observations by asking "What does it mean?" that a concept or truth will begin to surface with a "aha moment!"

Now take that concept/truth/principle and summarize it within a single sentence or short paragraph.

What does it change?

— **Application** —

Now that you have made some observations and allowed the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth contained within the passage, now (and not before) can you ask "What does it change? How does this apply to my life?"

When you have examined the truths of the passage, the Holy Spirit is able to reveal an action for you to take. Will you allow Him to do whatever is necessary in your life to shape you as a man or woman – with the nature, heart, mind and attitude of Jesus?

Do not skip a step

Observation • Interpretation • Application

WHY?

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. *Hebrews 4:12*

Compiled by Jackie Bryant

Three Things Ridgecresters Can Do During a Pandemic

There are three things we, as the body of Christ at Ridgecrest Baptist Church, need to do during this global pandemic:

Wait • Watch • Worship

WAIT

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says there is "a right time for everything." You might want to read Ecclesiastes 3:1-12. It is important to understand everything is appropriate when it is the RIGHT TIME for that particular action or inaction. We are in a strange period of waiting, but there is a time for that and it will not last forever. Knowing when something is the right time is called wisdom. And wisdom comes from the Lord. God's timing is not usually our timing. I know you feel that waiting is all you have been doing, but I am talking about waiting with peace that God is in control and we don't have to worry or be anxious. Waiting in faith requires us to focus on knowing that God is in control and we can trust Him. Learning to wait is a valuable, but difficult lesson.

WATCH

Some of the things prophesized in the Bible are happening right before our eyes. Jesus told his disciples that there is pain "like a women in labor" before she gives birth before His return and we are seeing that every day. Read some of Jesus' teachings on what will happen before His return, or read the prophecies in Daniel or Revelation. God knows all that we are experiencing and His words can give you comfort.

WORSHIP

I know we all want to get back to being IN church, but it is important that we "remain connected to the vine" *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. John 14:5.* So how do we abide in Jesus? Through daily earnest prayer, studying our Bible, and connecting with each other through phone or internet. Seeking God's wisdom for understanding while we wait, watch and worship is the first step to staying relaxed and flowing in His timing.

I am ready to re-gather with you back at Ridgecrest in God's timing. Please be patient, pray for one another, and stay safe. I am praying for you!

In His service,

Pastor Gary Blair