

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

In-Person Worship—10:30 am
in the Sanctuary

For in-person worship there will be
no children’s programs nor nursery
available.

All On-Site meetings and activities
have also been cancelled until
further notice.

Counting Team Schedule . . .

Mon. December 7	Tyson Thompson
Mon. December 14	Joyce Ottinger
Mon. December 21	Velita McFarland
Mon. December 28	Betty Brown or Sara Brown

The People Came...	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29
Sunday School	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class
10:30 AM Worship Celebration	45	47	41	31	
6:15 PM Evening Worship	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
The People Gave...	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29
Weekly Stewardship Goal	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40
Stewardship Receipts	12,024.00	6,352.00	4,392.00	6,147.00	
Other Contributions YTD	10,348.17	10,348.17	10,554.00	10,554.00	
Stewardship Receipts YTD	359,097.58	365,449.58	369,841.58	375,988.58	
Expenditures YTD	347,786.26	352,084.78	359,672.57	360,243.52	
Stewardship Goal YTD	461,973.60	472,473.00	482,972.40	493,471.80	
Designated	473.50	572.00	1,268.61	1,725.00	

STAFF

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

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The Ridgecrest
On the Go to Witness • Acts 1:8



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Wise Men Still Seek Him
Still Worship Him
Still Listen to Him

Matthew 2:1-12



A Great *Multitude* + You
Rev. 7:9

The **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®** is an annual offering collected by believers around the world to support international missions. This offering is unique from other mission offerings in that 100% of gifts provide for missionaries all over the world. **Ridgecrest Baptist Church Goal: \$10,000**

December 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	3	4	5
6 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary Special Called Business Mtg. during morning worship Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Begins	7 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	8	9 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	10	11	12
13 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary Budget/Finance Mtg.-4:00 pm via Conference Call	14 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	15	16 Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	17	18	19
20 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary Deacon's Mtg.- after morning worship in the Gym	21 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	22	23 Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	24 Church Office Closed	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary Ingathering for Lottie Moon	28 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	29	30 Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	31		

EVENTS

December

Special Called Business Meeting December 6 after morning worship service.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions: Ridgecrest Baptist Church Goal \$10,000
Ingathering December 27th.

Sam's Angel Market - Virtual Christmas Toy Sale - information about the virtual toy sale, please contact Tameka Moment at 334/271-6227 or tmoment@mgbaptists.org

January

Our goal is to try to return to on campus Bible Study early in the new year. A lot has changed. Covid-19 cases continue to rise, college football games are postponed, hospital patients are at the highest levels. We need to consider that Adults can handle social distancing a lot better than our children.

There is no one right way to begin reopening our Bible Study, but there is a wrong way. We must remain informed and patient, taking this process one step at a time to ensure that every possible precaution is taken along the way.

February

Food Drive for Hope Community Center – coming in February

Merry

Christmas

FROM YOUR STAFF:

GARY BLAIR, TOM SMITH,
JACKIE BRYANT AND CAROLYN JONES

Celebrate Jesus - God Is With Us

I don't know anyone who isn't ready for Christmas this year. I do not mean ready in the sense of having decorations, presents and cooking done. I mean ready to find something to REJOICE about. We need to CELEBRATE Jesus and Christmas as an annual reminder that GOD IS WITH US!

Sunday during our testimonies time of praise, Jim Seale mentioned he was glad 2020 is almost over. Everyone in attendance at our Thanksgiving service snickered because we can all relate. What a challenge we have all had this year. So, it is even MORE IMPORTANT than ever to shout "Glory to God in the Highest and Peace Goodwill to Men."

Together, all of us at Ridgecrest, have some traditional ways we celebrate Christmas. First, we work together to send shoeboxes of gifts all over the world through Operation Christmas Child. What an amazing job you have done this year with over 600 shoeboxes given including the cost of shipping! You amaze me at the great teamwork and leadership by Tom & Vida Smith to accomplish this. Another way we celebrate Christmas is through giving to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. I always think of this contribution as my Christmas gift to Jesus. The money we raise will go directly to missionaries all over the world who are sharing the good news in places you and I can't go. We also celebrate Christmas by coming together in worship. Doing this will be more of a challenge this year, but if you are able, we hope you will be present every Sunday in December at 10:30 a.m. for our time of worship together.

I praise God for each one of you and pray that you will have a joyous Christmas.

Pastor Gary



Good News! Ridgecrest Baptist Church packed 619 Shoeboxes! WOW!