

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

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. November 2	Tyson Thompson
Mon. November 9	Joyce Ottinger
Mon. November 16	Velita McFarland
Mon. November 23	Sara Brown
Mon. November 30	Betty Brown

The People Came...	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Sunday School	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class
10:30 AM Worship Celebration	50	51	56	45
6:15 PM Evening Worship	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
The People Gave...	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Weekly Stewardship Goal	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40
Stewardship Receipts	11,946.50	7,487.00	8,211.00	5,181.00
Other Contributions YTD	10,269.74	10,341.78	10,341.78	10,341.78
Stewardship Receipts YTD	328,194.58	335,681.58	341,892.58	347,073.58
Expenditures YTD	320,393.50	430,329,152.06	330,906.86	341,302.33
Stewardship Goal YTD	419,976.00	430,475.40	440,974.80	451,474.20
Designated	1,234.00	2,052.00	2,897.00	50.00

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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State Missions Offering

Thankful for Ridgecrest reaching its State Mission Offering Goal:  
\$2,501



# NOVEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary	2 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	3	4 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	5	6	7
8 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary	9 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	10	11 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	12	13	14
15 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary Budget/Finance Mtg.- 4:00 pm via Conference Call	16 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	17	18 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	19	20	21
22 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary Deacon's Mtg.- after morning worship in the Gym	23 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	24	25 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	26  Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28
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## National Collection Week November 16-23, 2020 Operation Christmas Child Collection Week Schedule

Monday NOV 16	Tuesday NOV 17	Wednesday NOV 18	Thursday NOV 19	Friday NOV 20	Saturday NOV 21	Sunday NOV 22	Monday NOV 23
9-11 AM and 3-6 PM	11 AM-1 PM and 3-6 PM	8 - 11 AM and 3-7 PM	9- 11 AM and 3-6 PM	11 AM to 6 PM	8 AM to 10 PM	12-4 PM and 7-9 PM	9 AM to 6 PM

## A Missionary Commitment

God gave all His followers a command to...

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28:19-20)

Also, God called some to go to a foreign land to share the “Good News.” My mother and father were called to serve together in Chile, South America. I heard them talking about a myriad of things they had to do to prepare for service, among them seminary training and language school.

Years ago, I was able to read my mother’s diary. One entry caught my attention. As they sailed out of Mobile Bay and over the horizon, my mother said, “I do not believe that I will ever see my family again on this earth.”

All Christians have a calling, but there is a commitment level that is greater for our missionaries. The *Open Windows* publishes the birth dates of our Southern Baptist missionaries. You know the yellow pages that get in our way sometimes. I remember noticing the power of God in our family on mom and dad’s birthday, because people all over the world were praying for us.

The prayer from home means so much to our missionaries who have committed their lives for Christ.

Jackie Bryant



## 2020 Stress Management

Stress is a part of everyone’s life these days; because of all the problem issues and people that people are dealing with, people are “wound-up tight” with lots of stress and tension. This is negatively affecting their health, their psyche and their relationships. So what can we do?

**Learn to Laugh** - Proverbs 15:13 says, *“A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.”* If you have the joy of the Lord in your heart, it's going to lessen the stress in your life and show on your face and in your conversations with others! Jesus said that there will be times of weeping in our lives, but we have to move from times of weeping to times of laughing. Laughter is God's way to break the tension so that stress and anxiety can be overcome.

**Cultivate Contentment** - Many people are uptight because their value system is all wrong. We think if we have more, then these things will bring us happiness. Timothy 6:6-8 says, *“Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.”*

**Alleviate Anger** - Proverbs 15:1 says that *“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”* The way to control our anger is to control our words. Every person and family has problems and troubles. But healthy individuals and families learn to attack the problems (not the people around them). And when we learn to attack the problems with the principles and practices found in God’s Word, we will have peace and joy in our lives and homes.

**One “stress and tension reliever” is attending Church services.** There’s something about focusing on the Lord, singing songs of worship, hearing God’s Word and fellowshiping with other Christians that brings a sense of peace, gratitude and joy to our hearts and lives. Coming to church helps us refocus our hearts and minds. You can be assured about your safety because 1) our facilities are sanitized before every service, 2) you will feel safe with the distancing protocols we have in place, and 3) one will sense the Lord’s presence in special and powerful ways when you join other Christians in worshipping the Lord. Encountering the Lord’s presence brings peace, joy and hope to our lives.

One bit of good news is that you no longer have to reserve your seats ahead of time to attend our In-person services. You can simply show up for the Sunday morning services.

Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday,

*Pastor Gary*

