

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. January 4	Tyson Thompson
Mon. January 11	Joyce Ottinger
Mon. January 18	Velita McFarland
Mon. January 25	Sara Brown or Betty Brown

The People Came...	Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27
Sunday School	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class
10:30 AM Worship Celebration	39	42	41	49	29
6:15 PM Sunday Evening Worship	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
The People Gave...	Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27
Weekly Stewardship Goal	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40
Stewardship Receipts	2,250.00	12,796.00	8,467.00	8,909.00	13,361.00
Other Contributions YTD	10,560.80	10,560.80	11,152.02	11,152.02	11,152.02
Stewardship Receipts YTD	378,238.58	391,034.58	399,501.58	408,410.58	421,771.58
Expenditures YTD	374,481.86	384,727.79	390,859.68	393,106.17	398,774.78
Stewardship Goal YTD	503,971.20	514,470.60	524,970.00	535,469.40	545,968.80
Designated	1,025.50	540.00	2,097.10	2,630.00	2,390.50

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

The Ridgecrest
Ridgecrest Baptist Church ON THE GO TO WITNESS • ACTS 1:8

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Happy New Year

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.
Psalm 65:11

2021

Be Strong
IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN
CHRIST JESUS

2 TIMOTHY 2:1

January 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
May the <i>Favor</i> of the <i>Lord Our God</i> rest on us... Psalms 90:17a					1 Church Office Closed Happy New Year!	2
3 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary	4 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	5	6 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	7	8	9
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24 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary Budget/Finance Mtg.-4:00 pm via Conference Call	25 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	26	27 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	28	29	30

31 In-person
worship - 10:30 am
in the Sanctuary

Deacon's Mtg.-
after morning
worship in the FH



LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING
GIVEN TO DATE: \$7,314



The One Year Bible Reading Plan consist of a passage from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. The arrangement of Scripture brings variety and a fresh approach to each day's 15-minute reading, while providing a clear understanding of the Bible's larger message. No other plan presents the entire bible in such a user-friendly format. (Details on rbcmontgomery.com)

Greetings Matter

Jesus knew this:

“And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?” Matthew. 5:47

Character is largely formed through manners, even by how we acknowledge the presence of others. Even in seemingly small ways, we contribute to each other’s destiny through our speech or our silence. As we begin a new year, a time in which we re-evaluate many of our habits, we might consider this: **How might we develop good habits in greeting each other?**

Throughout the day, we can pronounce a silent blessing on many we encounter. We can pray, “May God bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you, and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

We do not have to exchange names to recognize a person as valuable. Just a sincere “hello” and a smile may be enough.

Opportunities God gives us are like Sunrises, but if we wait too long, we can miss them.

Jackie Bryant

No relationship demands more careful word management than
MARRIAGE.
The more intimate the relationship, the more powerful the words.

MAX LUCADO

From Your Pastor’s Heart:

Dear Church Family,

“I don’t know how I would have made it through 2020 were it not for my Church

family.” That’s a sentiment that has been expressed to us by many people this year, especially since the Covid19 Pandemic began. Many of our people have expressed to us how they’ve received lots of strength and support through our Online and In-person services, our Telephone Sunday School classes, our Bible studies, our Ministries, and through the personal encouragement of our Church Staff and Leaders. And the Lord has worked through our Church during this crazy time to provide lots of help, hope, and healing to people outside of our Church.

In this crazy year of 2020, we’ve been able to: Move from primarily facilitating our ministry through In -person services, groups, classes, and activities to ministering to more people online than through our In-person ministries Serve the hurting of our city through our involvement in local compassion ministries

Give benevolence support to elderly and financially hurting people Continue supporting hundreds of missionaries nationally and around the world Minister to 619 individual Children who will receive shoeboxes full of gifts from our church. Send many more shoeboxes which passed through our collection site in November.

For many years I’ve been reading through the entire Bible, and that has been one of the keys to helping me grow stronger in my relationship with the Lord. I want to share with you what I’ve learned and experienced. Therefore, I’m inviting you to join me and many others for our Journey Through the Bible adventure that begins on January 1. In this effort, I’m going to be

leading our people to daily journey through the entire Bible in 2021 in a way that will help them learn the stories and principles of the Bible and experience transformation in their lives, circumstances and relationships.

Pastor Gary Blair

—The Bible Reading Plan for January, February and March can be found in the January 2021 Ridgecrest.