

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. February 1	Tyson Thompson
Mon. February 8	Joyce Ottinger
Mon. February 15	Velita McFarland
Mon. February 22	Betty Brown



Contribution statements have been mailed for 2020. If you have a discrepancy
on your report, please contact the church office. Thank you.

The People Came...	Jan. 3	Jan. 10	Jan. 17	Jan. 24	Jan. 31
Sunday School	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class
10:30 AM Worship Celebration	33	37	46	44	
6:15 PM Sunday Evening Worship	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
The People Gave...	Jan. 3	Jan. 10	Jan. 17	Jan. 24	Jan. 31
Weekly Stewardship Goal	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40
Stewardship Receipts	1,378.00	4,819.00	8,500.00	6,235.00	
Other Contributions YTD	—	—	—		
Stewardship Receipts YTD	1,378.00	6,197.00	14,697.00	20,932.00	
Expenditures YTD	2,162.10	10,731.89	12,904.81	21,420.96	
Stewardship Goal YTD	10,499.40	20,998.80	31,498.20	41,997.60	
Designated	25.00	60.50	275.00		

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

The Ridgecrest

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Ridgecrest Revitalization Our Intentional Journey

February 21, 2021 is a day you won't want to miss at Ridgecrest Baptist Church. We will begin our church's Journey to Revitalization. In the next few weeks, you will be hearing a lot about revitalization which means renewal, regeneration, or revival. To help us begin this journey, we have invited two guest speakers.

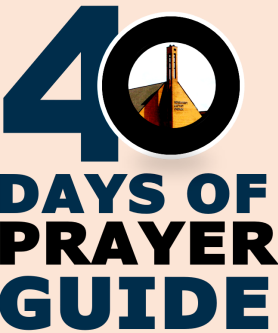


George Yates is a national church health specialist speaking at 9:30 AM



Ken Allen is the director of Leadership and Church Growth for the Alabama Baptist Convention speaking at 10:30 AM Worship Service.

On Feb. 21, 2021
Special Teaching Time at 9:30 AM
Special Worship at 10:30 AM



To prepare our hearts and minds for revitalization, we are asking our church to participate in 40 days of Prayer starting on February 23 leading to Easter.

For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. Isaiah 41:13

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But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	2	3 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	4	5	6
7 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary	8 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	9	10 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	11	12 D-Now	13 D-Now
14 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary Budget/Finance Mtg.-4:00 pm via	15 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	16	17 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	18	19	20
21 Ridgecrest Revitalization Guest Speakers: George Yates— 9:30 am Ken Allen— 10:30 am	22 Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom	23	24 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	25	26	27
28 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary Deacon's Mtg.- after morning worship in the FH						



In the Old Testament, God promised the Israelites that they would dwell in the land in safety if they obeyed His commandments (Leviticus 25:18–19; 26:3–5; Deuteronomy 12:10). When God's people turned away from Him and followed other gods, their safety was threatened, and the result was disaster. We need to obey God's commandments to avoid the **risk**.



Love has been explained as a feeling, an emotion, or something that is attractive, but really God's love is not just a noun but a verb. Love is what we DO, not what we feel.

The Bible gives us a very different picture of love. In 1 Corinthians 13 we read, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud." In 1 John 4:7-8 we learn that love comes from God because God himself is love. God's Word clearly defines love.

Oddly enough, some of us have somehow bought into the idea that love is a warm fuzzy feeling. But love is not a feeling, it is a choice. Matthew 5:44 tells us to "love your enemies." It is impossible to feel warm and fuzzy about people we do not like. It is a choice that we must make to love our enemies. It is also a choice to accept Jesus' love of forgiveness for our sins. John 3:16 tells us, "God loved the world in this way; He gave His one and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."

Jesus said more in John 13:35, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." By understanding the nature of love and then choosing to function in it we declare ourselves as followers of Christ. It is not what we wear or the ornaments on our cars. They will know us by our love.

God loves us because it is His character. He loves us not because of duty, but because it is who He is and what He does.

Jackie Bryant



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George Yates is a national church health specialist. He has written a book entitled "Reaching the Summit." George has led many churches, associations and state conventions all across America in church growth.

On Feb. 21, he will be teaching us in a special 9:30AM special service.

Ken Allen is the director of Leadership and Church Growth for the Alabama Baptist Convention. He will also be at Ridgecrest for our kickoff Sunday and will be preaching in our 10:30 AM worship on that day.

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At Ridgecrest, we are focused on worshiping and serving Jesus and loving people from all walks of life. I'm confident that as we continue to lift up the name of the Lord and love all people that the Lord will enable our Church family to overcome every obstacle and opponent and continue to have a powerful and positive impact on our region, our state, our nation and our world.

Pastor Gary Blair



Souper Bowl of Chili Cook-off is cancelled. However, we will continue the tradition of collecting soup and crackers for the Community of Hope. Bring donations to the church office or if you are attending worship on Sunday Mornings bring donations with you and drop them over the barricades.

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