

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. March 1  | Tyson Thompson   |
| Mon. March 8  | Joyce Ottinger   |
| Mon. March 15 | Velita McFarland |
| Mon. March 22 | Betty Brown      |
| Mon. March 29 | Sara Brown       |

Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:36 John 18:1

Jesus felt the need to pray three times in Gethsemane before he reaches  
a sense of peace. ... He always ends his prayer by trusting in God,  
by conforming his will to the Father's, even in a dark time.

| The People Came...             | Feb. 7        | Feb. 14       | Feb. 21       | Feb. 28       | March 7 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| Sunday School                  | Virtual Class | Virtual Class | Virtual Class | Virtual Class |         |
| 10:30 AM Worship Celebration   | 45            | 41            | 42            |               |         |
| 6:15 PM Sunday Evening Worship | Cancelled     | Cancelled     | Cancelled     | Cancelled     |         |

| The People Gave...       | Feb. 7    | Feb. 14   | Feb. 21   | Feb. 28   | March 7 |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Weekly Stewardship Goal  | 10,499.40 | 10,499.40 | 10,499.40 | 10,499.40 |         |
| Stewardship Receipts     | 11,220.00 | 3,293.00  | 4,908.00  |           |         |
| Other Contributions YTD  | 104.71    | 104.71    | 104.71    |           |         |
| Stewardship Receipts YTD | 42,226.00 | 45,519.00 | 50,427.00 |           |         |
| Expenditures YTD         | 37,115.43 | 44,038.78 | 45,097.59 |           |         |
| Stewardship Goal YTD     | 62,996.40 | 73,495.80 | 83,995.20 |           |         |
| Designated               | 505.00    | 40.00     | 80.00     |           |         |

| 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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On the go to witness • Acts 1:8

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PRaise

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.  
Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

James 5:13



DAYS OF  
PRAYER  
CONTINUES

As you read, pray, and meditate on the  
greatness of our Lord ask yourself three  
questions:

- God, where are we?
- God where do you want us to be?
- God how do we get there?



# MARCH 2021

| SUN  | MON  | TUE | WED   | THU   | FRI | SAT  |
|--|--|-----|---|---|-----|--|
|  | 1<br>Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom  | 2   | 3<br>Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom<br>Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom | 4   | 5   | 6  |
| 7 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary<br>Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Begins  | 8<br>Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom  | 9   | 10 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom<br>Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom   | 11  | 12  | 13 Set your clocks up 1 hour before you go to bed! |
| 14 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary<br>Daylight Saving Time Begins  | 15<br>Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom | 16  | 17 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom<br>Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom   | 18  | 19  | 20   |
| 21 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary<br>Budget/Finance Mtg. - 4:00 pm - via teleconference   | 22<br>Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom | 23  | 24 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom<br>Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom   | 25  | 26  | 27   |
| 28 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary<br>Deacon's Mtg. - after morning worship in the Fellowship Hall<br>Ingathering for Annie Armstrong Offering | 29<br>Pastor Gary's Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom | 30  | 31 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm - via Zoom<br>Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom   | <div> <div>Our Offering Goal</div> <div>\$4000 – Ingathering</div> <div>March 28, 2021</div> <div>ANNIE ARMSTRONG</div> <div>EASTER OFFERING</div> </div> |     |  |



**Ridgecrest is Now Streaming Live**  
rbcmontgomery.com

## Reasons for Prayer

### God's repeated command to do so

1 Samuel 12:23; Romans 12:12; Colossians 4:2;  
1 Thessalonians 5:17  
1 Timothy 2:8

### The example of Christ

Hebrews 4:7; Luke 3:21; 5:16; Mark 1:35;  
Matthew 14:23; Mark 6:46; John 6:15; Luke 6:12; 9:18

### The examples of the early church

Acts 1:14; 2:42; 6:4; 12:5

### The example of Paul

Acts 9:10-11; 16:25; 20:36; 21:5; Romans 10:1

### Prayer defeats the Devil

Luke 22:32; 1 Peter 4:7; Ephesians 6:11;  
Corinthians 2:10-11; Hebrews 2:14-15

### Prayer saves the sinner

Luke 18:13; John 14:6; Matthew 11:28-30; Acts 16:14

### Prayer restores the backslider

James 5:16; Genesis 19:1-22; 2 Samuel 11:1-5;  
Psalm 51:1-19; Galatians 1:6; Galatians 4:9-11;  
2 Timothy 1:15

### Prayer strengthens the saint

Jude 20; Nehemiah 8; Exodus 15:2; Psalm 27;  
Deuteronomy 31:6

### Prayer sends out laborers

Matthew 9:38; Acts 13:2-3; Luke 10:2

### Prayer heals the sick

James 5:13-15; 2 Kings 20:5; Jeremiah 17:14;  
Luke 6:19; Jeremiah 30:17; 1 Peter 2:24

### Prayer glorifies God's name

Revelation 5:8; 8:2-4; Revelation 15:4; John 17

### Prayer accomplishes the impossible

Matthew 21:22; Mark 9:29; Acts 12:5-7

### Prayer gives good things

Psalm 102:17; Matthew 7:7-11

### Prayer imparts wisdom

James 1:5; Proverbs 1:7; 4:6-7; 11:30; Colossians 2:2-3

### Prayer bestows peace

Philippians 4:5-7; Romans 8:34

### Prayer keeps one from sin

Matthew 26:41; Romans 12:9; 1 Timothy 6:11

### Prayer reveals the will of God

Luke 11:9-10; 1 John 5:14; Jeremiah 42:3;  
Colossians 1:9; Matthew 6:9-13; Romans 1:15



*Keep Praying*

*Jackie Bryant*



**Target Date for In Person Bible Study**  
**Easter Sunday Morning**  
**April 4, 2021 @ 9:00 AM**

We are aiming for April 4, 2021 to be our first day back in person for Bible Study. A new time and some changes.

The public schools will be going to in person classes as well. It is important that we make an informative decision. Church leadership and bible study leaders will need to meet to discuss the reopening. As soon as we can confirm the date, we will let everyone know. There's no better date than Easter Sunday Morning.

A lot needs to be taken into consideration. One thing for certain bible study will not look like it did pre COVID-19.

Some classes will merge and relocate; others will stay in the same location with different leaders. All will need to be contacted and meet to plan the reopening.

We plan to use the hundreds of dollars of literature that could not be used in the fall and winter quarters. Just remember that we teach the bible not the quarterly.

Preschool and children's classes will have the monumental task of teaching and keeping everybody safe and everything sanitized.

Please pray that the Lord will guide us to prepare well. We are all ready to be back in person for bible study.

*Jackie Bryant*

## OCOEE MISSION TRIP

June 20-26, 2021

Ocoee Mission Trip will give us an opportunity to share Christ's love with others using some of the following activities:

- Home Repair
- Evangelistic Block Parties
- Backyard Bible Clubs and VBS
- The mission team will have their own Bible Study.

Interested in helping – Contact Tom Smith