

February 15, 2009

Welcome to Ridgecrest today!

Whether you are a long time member or a first time attendee, you are welcome. Our prayer for all who attend today will be that they see the love of Christ in the lives of His people at Ridgecrest both in our worship and our small groups. We welcome Hannah Gordon both into the family of Ridgecrest and the family of God! What a day of victory it is on Sunday when we see another person brought into the salvation of Jesus Christ!

Today we will be learning about the importance of faith in helping us draw near to God. Listen to Hebrews 11:6: "But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him out." (Amplified Version)

One of the things about the early disciples that grieved Jesus the most was their lack of faith in Him! I believe it is still true today. Our ability to draw near to God is directly related to what we believe about Him. We first must make sure that we have a saving faith in Him. A second hand faith, a faith in ourselves to help save us, a pretend faith—none of these will allow us to draw near. It is only a faith that believes that Jesus is who He says He is—the Son of God, the Savior—that will save us.

If we have that saving faith, then we must believe the Word of God that tells us that if we will repent of our sin and draw near to God, then He will draw near to us. We must have that faith in HIM if we are to draw near. Today we will be encouraged to grow our faith in our Great Redeemer!

God Bless – Bro. Phil

If you need to reach Bro. Phil other than during office hours, please dial 601-260-4076.

Welcome Guest

Please take a moment during the service to fill out a "Blue Card" located in the pew pocket if...

- ...You would like information about our Sunday School groups
- ...You would like information about Ridgecrest and our ministries
- ...You would like to know how to become a Christian and a member of the church

Please place the card in the offering plate and we will contact you as indicated. Thank you for choosing to worship today at Ridgecrest.

CONSTRUCTION MISSION TRIP TO HARLAN, KY - Spring Break, March 14 - 21. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Bro. Joe for more information and/or sign up at the Missions kiosk across from the Coffee Corner. Exact travel dates are forthcoming.

Metro Baptist Association **Annual Missions Fair and Banquet will be March 5th at Highland Colony Baptist Church.** If you would like to attend, please contact the Church Growth office at ext. 33 for time and ticket information. Deadline for tickets is February 26th.

Building Teams Needed - Metro Baptist Association will begin building a lodge at Camp Kernop **March 6 - 7 and March 13 - 14.** All types of skills and tools are needed. Camp Kernop is the new Association campsite approximately 35 miles north of Canton. Contact Mike McCool at ext. 30 for additional information and to volunteer.

CREST KIDS

CREST KIDS' PARENTS LUNCHEON - TODAY, in the RAC immediately after 10:30 worship. This is a great time to see what has been happening in Crest Kids and what great and exciting things are in store for 2009. We look forward to seeing you there.

MEN'S ADVENTURE

Men's Adventure has expanded with another group meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in Room 102, studying the same series - *Men's Fraternity: The Quest for Authentic Manhood*. All men are invited to come to either the Sunday morning group meeting in Room 105 @ 7:30 or this new Wednesday evening group. We are a band of brothers encouraging each other in the faith. Join us!

CREST STUDENTS

Youth Choir (MS & HS) meets at 4:45pm on Sundays in the Choir Room. Join us for fellowship and singing!

Middle School (MS) BreakAway Retreat - Camp John I Hay, Hazelhurst, MS - April 3-4th - BreakAway is all new with worship leader Matt Myers joining us! Cost \$35 (\$10 Deposit due by March 1st).

MS Beautiful Feet Mission Trip - Fort Worth, TX - Sunday thru Thursday, May 24-28th. *Beautiful Feet* is a homeless ministry located in the heart of downtown. Students will assist in serving food, cleaning, painting, kid's clubs, leading worship, and much more! Cost \$85 + Food Money (\$35 Deposit due by April 5th).

MS WEDNESDAYS: On February 18th - 6:00 - 7:00pm in the Living Room, we will have the Casey Combest Band and free giveaways. This is Chick-Fil-A night (\$5) in The Spot Deli from 5:00 - 6:00pm with food, drinks, internet and game stations. Bring a friend! On February 25th we begin a new series, *"Who Do You Think He Is?"* We have worship, videos and Bible study from 6 - 7:00pm every Wednesday.

MS Grapple OUTings for 6th, 7th and 8th grades. We have created an opportunity to invite a friend to Sunday School by having our first OUTings for each grade after church! Transportation is provided 12:00 - 2:00pm to various locations beginning Sunday, February 22nd.

5th Annual Shake, Rattle & Roll Car Show - May 23, 2009. Ridgecrest is going to be hosting this event again this year as our major Missions fundraiser. We need workers who are willing to help make this the best ever. It takes many volunteers to make this event a success. Please contact Bro. Joe to see how you can help and/or sign up at the Missions kiosk across from the Coffee Corner. You will be contacted.

NICARAGUA MISSIONS

Sewing for Nicaragua Missions - If you like to sew, this is a great opportunity to use your gift for missions. We sew shorts and dresses for boys and girls from patterns provided. We also need material by the yard(s), or bolts of material for the Sewing School where locals are taught how to sew for their families and to earn a living. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Anita Beaver at anitabeaver@bellsouth.net or 601.856.9642, or Linda May at 601.853.7792. Thank you.

Hygiene Kits - Items needed are: **soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and travel-size toothpaste.** Please bring your items to the Women's Ministry kiosk in the walkway. For more information, contact Aletta Walker at 601.853.5910 or 601.259.5858. Thank you once again for your generosity; you are appreciated.

Clothing Drive February 1st - May 15th. Clean out your closets for **good, used summer-weight ONLY clothing, flip flops and sandals** for men, women and children. Put donations in the Missions Bin in the west foyer on the way to the RAC. Thank you for your continued support.

SPORTS MINISTRY

Get active in the Sports Ministry and bring a friend! Sign up now for participation in Basketball and Volleyball. Please pick up your registration form(s) from the kiosk or contact Buddy Knott. Cost is \$20 for each sport.

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday, February 15

Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00am - RAC
Iron Sharpens Iron: Men's Adventure - 7:30am - Room 105
Preschool, Crest Kids, Students & College-age - 9:00am
Adult Bible Study - 9:00am & 10:30am
9:00am - Traditional Worship & 10:30am - Contemporary Worship
Crest Kids PARENTS LUNCHEON - 11:45am - RAC
Youth Choir - 4:45pm - Choir room
Dave Ramsey FINANCIAL PEACE - 5:00pm - Madison Community Ctr.
Crest Kids on Mission - 6:00pm - RAC
Mission Friends - 6:00pm - Fellowship Hall
Evening Worship & Bible Study - 6:00pm - Sanctuary
Youth LifeSUPPORT - MS @ 6:00pm - HS @ 7:15pm - Living Room

Monday, February 16

Precept Bible Study - 5:30pm - Room 301
Ladies in Prayer - 7:00pm - Bride's Room

Tuesday, February 17

Men in Prayer - 6:30am - Sanctuary
Ladies Bible Studies - 9:00am - Rooms 301 & 302
Metamorphosis (Teens) - 7:00pm - Living Room

Wednesday, February 18

Fellowship Supper - 4:45pm to 5:50pm - RAC
The Spot Deli: Middle School 5:00pm - High School 6:00pm
MS *UnPLUGGED* - 6:00pm - The Living Room
HS REVOLUTION - 7:15pm - The Living Room
Men's Adventure - 6:00pm - Room 102
Sign Language Classes - 6:00pm - Rooms 104 & 201
Worship KidStyle - 6:00pm - Choir Room
Preschool Choir - 6:00pm - Fellowship Hall
Swilley Small Group Bible Study - 6:00pm - Room 103
Ladies Bible Study - 6:00pm - Room 105
Business Meeting & Prayer - 6:00pm - RAC
Adult Sanctuary Choir - 7:00pm - Choir Room

Thursday, February 19

College Bible Study - 7:00pm - The Living Room