

July 26, 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 are excited that Adam Blake joined RCBC last Sunday! We are especially excited about his new found faith in Jesus! Be in prayer for him as he seeks the Lord's will for his life along with all of us here at Ridgecrest.

A few weeks ago we took another look at our mission statement, "Transforming our World into Fully Devoted Followers of Jesus to the Fame of God." We are now studying the process for making disciples that it will take to accomplish this mission. We have looked at our need to Connect and Worship. Today we will be studying about our need to GROW spiritually.

When you were younger, was there anyone that you wanted to grow up and be like? Maybe it was a family member, or a local government leader, or doctor or coach or teacher. This is to be our spiritual desire. We should want to grow up and become like Christ – He's our Hero!

What is our goal? Paul gives it to us in **Ephesians 4:15** – "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things **grow up** into him who is the Head, that is, Christ." This means that our goal is to mature spiritually until we become like Christ. And what is Christ like? Paul gives us the description of Christ in **Galatians 5:22-23** – "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." We are to dream about growing up and becoming like Jesus.

The way we do this is by getting involved in a small group where there is Bible study and prayer together. This is a place where we can help each other to grow spiritually. We can encourage and strengthen one another each week as we walk through the rough times of life. If you are not already involved in a small group, let me encourage you to join one. It is in our small groups that the feeling of family is felt. It is there where you will find true friends.

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.

Ice Cream Fellowship for our new Assistant Pastor, Brian Wright and family – Sunday, August 9th, immediately following 6:00pm Worship. Please bring a freezer of home-made ice cream and/or goodies, or purchase ice cream to share. Plan to attend and give them a warm Ridgecrest welcome.

Disaster Relief Training with the MS Baptist Convention – August 7 & 8 - Central Hills Baptist Retreat, Kosciusko. If you would be interested in this training, **please attend a meeting TODAY in the Coffee Corner immediately following 10:30am worship.** For more information, please contact Johnny Gandy at 601.954.9148.

SENIOR CREST ADULTS

KEENAGERS – Tuesday, August 11, 11:00am in the RAC. Join the "Back to School Old Fashioned Picnic in the RAC" with Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. \$6:00 includes food and entertainment. After we eat, our special guests, "The Hatfields" and the "McCoys", will be on stage to discover which family is more intelligent. This will be a Family Feud program similar to the one on TV. These families will NOT be allowed to bring their guns, and they will be carefully guarded. WE ARE DEMANDIN' A PEACEABLE MEETIN'. Bring friends and new church members, age 55+, to this "End of the Summer" celebration!

Staff Anniversaries

Donna Reed, Pianist, and Don Simpson, Organist, have been serving here at Ridgecrest for 10 years (July 1999). We are so blest in having these accomplished musicians assist Bro. Greg in leading our worship services. Donna & Don, thank you for sharing your talents and for your faithfulness.

Word of Christ VBS – August 3 – 5. This is a Middle School hosted event but ALL are welcome to come and serve. We will be loving on the kids, playing games, serving snacks and sharing Bible stories. Transportation from the church @ 3:00pm & return at 8:00pm each day. For details, contact Daniel at dwilson@rcbc.org or ext 41.

CREST CHOIRS

Student Choir Beach Retreat at Gulf Shores, AL - August 14-16th for 6th-12th grade students. Cost is \$60 due by next Sunday. We will have an awesome time of praise and worship and will be singing Sunday morning at FBC of Orange Beach. For details, contact Jane at ext. 35, or come to the Music Office to register with your fee.

CREST STUDENTS

Middle School "End of Summer Bash" – TODAY at Reunion (O'Neal's home). Leave the church at 4:30pm and return at approximately 8:00pm. Please bring \$5.

Meeting for Parents of Upcoming 9th Graders TODAY, in the Living Room/Chapel immediately after the 10:30am worship service. Free lunch for the family.

SPORTS MINISTRY

UPWARD FLAG FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING – 1st – 5th Grade Boys/Girls Co-Ed League and 6th – 8th Grade Boys/Girls League. Registration deadline is Friday, July 31st. Get your registration form at the Sports kiosk. Evaluations begin August 8th. Contact Buddy.

August 9th is Sunday School Promotion Sunday

Next Sunday, August 2nd, the Personnel Committee will present Matt Oswalt to Ridgecrest as our prospective Middle School Minister. He will give his testimony in both morning services, and will meet with the Middle Schoolers during their Sunday morning Bible study. At 4:30pm, he will meet with all interested adults for Q & A, and then spend time with the Middle School students at 6:00pm.

Matt grew up in the Jackson metro area and graduated from Northwest Rankin High School. He graduated from Mississippi College and is at present completing his master's degree at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Extension in Clinton.

Matt worked for about 7 years in various positions at First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS and since March 2007 has been the Youth Minister at First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, MS.

He is married to Emily and they have two small sons. We are blessed to have such a fine couple interviewing for this position. We ask that you pray that the Lord's will be done concerning this position.

The discussion of his hiring will be in a special business meeting on August 5th and the vote will be on August 9th in both morning services.

THE ARK for Crest Kids, Jr.

We are only **2 Sundays** away from our new Sunday School year. Come join our preschool ministry as a teacher of one of our 9:00am SS classes for toddlers, 2s, 3s, or 4s. We have many **service opportunities open** with these age groups. Contact Stacie Albritton **TODAY** for more information at 601-853-1090 x37, or salbritton@rcbc.org.

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday, July 26

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

**Upcoming 9th Graders /Parent Meeting – 11:45am – Chapel/LR
MS Party – Reunion – Leave church @ 4:30pm**

Evening Worship & Bible Study – 6:00pm - Sanctuary
High School LIFEsupport – 7:15pm – Living Room

Tuesday, July 28

Ladies Summer Bible Study – 6:00pm – 3rd floor
Metamorphosis (Teens) – 7:00pm – The Living Room

Wednesday, July 29

**NO FELLOWSHIP SUPPER or “SPOT DELI” in JULY
Resumes next Wednesday, August 5th**

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 – Third Floor
Adult Bible Study & Prayer – 6:00pm - RAC
Adult Sanctuary Choir – 6:00pm – Choir Room

Thursday, July 30

College-Age Bible Study – 7:00pm – Living Room (Chapel)

Friday, July 31

Deadline for Upward Flag Football Registration

August 1 – 8

Nicaragua Medical Mission Trip