Pastor's Paragraphs

We are thankful for the ways in which the Lord has brought us through all of the challenges we have faced throughout the past 18 months. That being said, the journey we have traveled since early 2020 has not left us unchanged. There are those in our church family who have altered their attendance habits with regard to worship and Bible Study. Some are still not comfortable being back in situations where there are a number of people within the same space. Others have seen their health realities change over the past several months. Put together, this offers us both the challenge and the opportunity to position Ridge for the months and years ahead, serving the Lord in the midst of some new realities.

We anticipate that by the beginning of the calendar year 2022, we should be opened back up with a schedule that will include worship, Bible study, missions, music and ministry going forward. Things will look a little different than they have in the past, but we are looking to make sure that we offer the opportunity to follow the example of Jesus, who grew in wisdom, in stature and in favor with God and people. In our November 3 Business Meeting, we will discuss the adoption of the remainder of our re-opening plan. Our December newsletter will include the 2022 schedule and we will plan to launch on January 2.

In anticipation of this important launch, I would encourage our entire family, whether you have returned to worship or are still joining us online, to begin looking forward to the future God has given us at Ridge. If you have not returned to worship in person, the Advent season would be a great time to begin. If you have been attending worship in person, I would encourage you to make the most of the other opportunities for Bible study and fellowship. We still plan to offer an online video of our worship services, but the experience of gathering in person is important. We are planning to add online opportunities for our Ridge family to join others in Bible study by adding an online component to our Wednesday Bible Study. Our morning Bible Study will still be online only, but for those who may have difficulty joining us in person on Wednesday evening, we will be making a livestream of the Wednesday Bible Study as well. Let’s make a commitment today to move forward tomorrow together!
Season of Gratitude

As we read in Psalm 107:1, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." In the sanctuary, November 7-21, we will celebrate the many things we are thankful for by creating a gratitude tree. Help us build this tree by using the leaves and pens available to add your note of thanks. Please also take a moment to read how God's love has been recognized by others.

Do you want to add a note that if you are unable to attach your leaf in person, email your item of thanks to Lynn Blevins at j.lynn.blevins@gmail.com.

November 11th is Veterans Day. Thank you to all the men and women who have served in our armed forces.

WMU Meeting
The Baptist Women (WMU) will meet on Tuesday, November 2
1:30pm in the choir room. They will continue to make jump ropes for Samaritan Christmas boxes. You are welcome to join.

“Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.”
-Unknown Author

Travel to the City of 100 Spires-
Prague!

Our International Mission Study will explore how missionaries share the gospel and develop relationships with people in their communities. Join us in the CLC on Wednesday, November 10th at 6pm for this year’s International Mission Study.

A Message from the Floral Team:
Yes, Christmas is coming! We are taking orders for Poinsettias now. The deadline to order is November 21. The cost is $13.50 per plant. Envelopes are available on the Parking Lot entrance table.
The BGAV Annual Meeting is happening online only on November 9-10th. This year’s theme is Mountain of Healing, based on Isaiah 2:1-5. For more information or to register, go to this link: [https://meeting.bgav.org/](https://meeting.bgav.org/).

Reminder: The church office and Promise Care will be closed on November 25th and 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday. We pray that you have a blessed holiday.

Samaritan Christmas Boxes

Boxes for Operation Christmas Child are available for pick-up on the bench by the parking lot entrance. Jump ropes are also available to go in the boxes. Filled boxes are due back by November 17th! Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Caring Hearts Christmas Celebration

Join the Caring Hearts, a group for anyone who has lost a spouse, on Tuesday, November 30, at 10:30 a.m. in the CLC! We will celebrate the Christmas season together with a movie, snacks, and fun! Bring a photo of a favorite Christmas memory to share.

Save the Date!

This year’s Christmas Cantata, *For He Alone is Worthy* will be on Sunday, December 12th at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior through music.

“For He Alone is Worthy”

“Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.”

– *Psalm 95:2*
## November 2021

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**May God Bless You on Your Birthday!**

11/1- Meagan Carter  
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11/2- Gregory Price  
11/3- Ceil Booker  
11/3- Ryland Rice (5)  
11/7- Julius Johnson  
11/7- Joan Pemberton  
11/8- Joan Moses  
11/10- Dottie Koontz  
11/13- Martha Hardee  
11/15- Betty Rouse  
11/16- Irene Taylor  
11/17- Audrey Carter  
11/20- Sam Hubard (18) 
11/22- Sayd Hanan  
11/23- Bill Pemberton  
11/24- Will Gill  
11/26- Carol Hawkins  
11/27- John Thomas  
11/28- Earl Maxey  
11/30- Jonathan Daniels

**Our Financial Health**

**Stewardship Ministry Plan**

Sun., 10/3; $4,857.00  
Sun., 10/10: $4,541.80  
Sun., 10/17: $3,710.66  
Sun., 10/24: $5,540.03  
Weekly Goal $5,975.65  
YTD Congregational Giving-- $200,920.47  
YTD Budget Goal-- $233,050.35

**Upcoming Meetings:**

11/2- WMU Meeting at 1:30pm in the Choir Room  
11/3- Quarterly Business Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary  
11/9-10: BGAV Annual Meeting (Online)

**Walk Through the Bible**

11/1- Lamentations 2; 2 Timothy 4  
11/2- Lamentations 3; Titus 1  
11/3- Lamentations 4; Titus 2  
11/4- Lamentations 5; Titus 3  
11/5- Ezekiel 1-2; Philemon  
11/6- Ezekiel 3-5; Hebrews 1  
11/7- Ezekiel 6-7; Hebrews 2  
11/8- Ezekiel 8-10; Hebrews 3  
11/9- Ezekiel 11-12; Hebrews 4  
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11/21- Ezekiel 35-37; James 3  
11/22- Ezekiel 38-39; James 4  
11/23- Ezekiel 40-41; James 5  
11/24- Ezekiel 42-43; 1 Peter 1  
11/25- Ezekiel 44-46; 1 Peter 2  
11/26- Ezekiel 47-48; 1 Peter 3  
11/27- Daniel 1; 1 Peter 4  
11/28- Daniel 2; 1 Peter 5  
11/29- Daniel 3; 2 Peter 1  
11/30- Daniel 4; 2 Peter 2
Prayer Concerns:

Ridge Members at Home:
Jeanne Beckett
Ceil Booker
Mary Helmick
Earline Isom
Jan Jones
Hilda Price

Donna Robinson
Dewey Searcy
John Thomas
Beverly Tyree
Steve Bider
Carol McGrath

Members in Healthcare:
Phylis Benner, Lighthouse Sr. Living, Maryland
Mae Callaham, Morningside Assisted Living, Rm. 125
Mary Jane Cook, Lakewood HCC; Rm. 238
Trudy English, Morningside Assisted Living, Rm. 201
Audrey “Kay” Myers, The Laurels, Rm. 106-B
Nancy Picco, Manorhouse Assisted Living, Rm. 124
Irene Taylor, Tapp Family Home,
Mechanicsville VA
Jeanne White, Lakewood HCC, Rm. 110

Friends of Ridge Baptist Church:
Ann Brogden, Shirley McClenny's friend
John Colgan, Sandra Colgan's husband
Meagan Englert, Laura Gilmer's niece
Helen Fitzgerald, Pat Mahone's friend
Sally Frost, Susan Smith's friend
Jennifer Gibson, Lindsay Ray's friend
Becky Lawrence, Pat Mahone's niece
Bobby Stallworth, E. Stewart's friend
JoAnn Lungstrom, L. Wegner's sister
Ann Luck, Pat Mahone's aunt
Pastor Buford "Boots" Marsh, Tipi Wakan Church
Jimmy McNamara, Beverly Gleason's cousin
Joyce Rice, Bob Dawson's sister
Nelson Santana, Helen & Bud Johnson's friend's grandson
Michael Thomas, Lou Thomas' son
David, friend and co-worker of Ryan Peed
Joy Jones, Bea Rahmlow's sister
Zlatko Buckoski (North Macedonia)

Special Prayer Requests:
For our Ridge extension members
For our military men and women representing the U.S.
For our government leaders
For those ministering in Christ’s name everywhere
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Rev. Alan Ray, Senior Pastor
Rev. Abbie Duenckel, Minister for Christian Discipleship & Outreach
Rev. Lindsay Ray, Minister for Students
Mr. Robert Blaylock, Praise Team / Media Director
Mr. Robert Coffman, Music Ministry Director
Phyllis Coffman, Church Accompanist
Mrs. Louise Crooks, Financial Secretary
Mrs. Thelma Ford, Kitchen Technician

Weekly Schedule Online:
Sundays:
  Pajamas Pop In with Abbie Duenckel @ 7:30pm
Tuesdays:
  Facebook LIVE with Abbie Duenckel @8:30pm
Wednesdays:
  Morning Bible Study with Alan Ray @ 10am

Weekly In Person Schedule:
Sundays:
  10:30am Morning Worship in Sanctuary
Wednesdays:
  6:30pm Evening Bible Study in CLC with Alan Ray
  7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room