

At Ridgewood, we are nothing more than real people living in a real world serving a real God.

November 19, 2023

**Ridgewood**  
**CHURCH**

Here are things that may be different from your previous church experiences:

**No Age-Graded Ministries** | All God's people - from infants to the elderly - are needed in relationships with each other. We worship together as one big family - the family of God.

**Children are Welcome and Encouraged in the Worship Gathering**  
It is the parent's duty to train their children to participate in corporate worship, including singing, tithing, prayer, and active listening to the teaching of the Word of God. (Deut 31:12-13, Ezra 10:1, Matt 18:1-5, 19:13-15, Eph 6:1-4, Col 3:20) As part of this training process, children may make small noises in the service. These are a reminder "to such belong the Kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). However, we also have the "Genesis Room" at the far end of the hall set up with video and audio feed for your convenience if you feel your child needs more attention.

**We Partake in the Lord's Supper Weekly** | We ask that the elements only be taken by professing, baptized believers who are in a good standing with their local church. (Acts 2:42-47, 1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

**We Practice Systematic Exposition** | The Bible is God's word and is our final authority in all matters of faith and practice. The music is prayerfully selected based on each week's text of Scripture. (Acts 2:42-47, Colossians 3:16)

**Weekly Fellowship Meal** | Families of Ridgewood have brought food for their own household and extra to share with visitors. Fellowship is one way we endeavor to 'encourage one another' in our Christian walk. (Acts 2:42-47, Hebrews 10:24-25)

**Use this Bulletin Throughout the Week as a Home Worship Guide**  
God has called you to disciple your household. He has also called His church to encourage, equip, and expect you to disciple your household. Use this bulletin as a home-worship guide throughout the week.

The song of the month is a great place to start with family worship. The prayer guide is a tool designed to guide you and your family in prayer. The catechism/doctrine and home devotions are wonderful discipleship tools for everyone, especially for children of all ages. If you have any questions, the fellowship meal is a great time to get help and encouragement from others. That's what we are here for!

**True Life Cards** | We encourage you to pick up some True Life Cards in the foyer and give out a few every week. Pray for an opportunity of Gospel conversation with and the salvation of people in the following categories: Family, Friends, Neighbors, Coworkers, Community. Go to [truelife.org](http://truelife.org) for more information.

### Announcements:

- » Wednesday Nights @ 6p
  - There is no Wednesday Bible Study this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will resume with our study on the Atonement of Christ on Wednesday, November 29th at 6pm.
- » Night to Shine SETX 2/9/24
  - Both volunteer and guest registration for NTS SETX 2024 are OPEN! Register at [www.nighttoshinesetx.com](http://www.nighttoshinesetx.com) today!
  - The first Dress Fitting and Giveaway will be held Sunday December 3rd from 2-4p and Monday December 4th from 5:30p-7:30p. Ladies see Chrissy A if you are available to volunteer for this exciting and memorable event.
- » EOY Church Board Meeting 12/10 @12:45p
- » TODAY - Fried Turkey and Thanksgiving Luncheon - 12noon
- » Operating:
  - Please remember to be faithful in your tithes and offerings (2 Cor. 9:6-7)
  - Offering plates are at the back of the auditorium, or text "\$amount" to 409-239-0774
  - 3rd Quarter YTD Giving: Budget: \$138,750.00 Actual: \$143,779.64

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**Our Purpose... To Belong to Christ**  
**Our Mission... To Become like Christ**  
**Our Vision... To Bear Christ's Fruit**



Welcome Guests!



**Welcome**

**Catechism/Responsorial Doctrine - Heaven & Hell**

130. What happens to men when they die? The body returns to dust and the soul goes into the world of spirits.

131. Will the bodies of the dead be raised to life again? Yes. There will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, "Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet."

**Pray for our Church Body (James 5:16)**

Nate Razzano Household

**Pray for Kings and Those in Authority (1 Timothy 2:2)**

\*\*\*Pray for Peace in the Middle East\*\*\*

Pray for world leaders, physical needs, for lostness, Gospel access, the Church

**Pray for the Great Commission (Luke 10:2)**

**New Testament Scripture**

Mark 2:14-22, page 837

**Songs**

"Marvelous Light"

"His Mercy is More"

"Come Ye Sinners"

**Old Testament Scripture**

Zechariah 10, page 797

**Song of the Month | scan QR code for lyrics/video**

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (Words by Reginald Heber - 1826)

**Message**

Pastor David | Matthew 9:9-13 page 813

**Confession/Repentance**

**Lord's Supper**

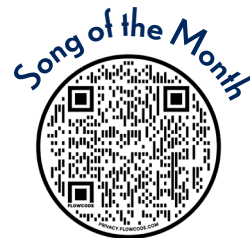
"How Sweet and Aweful"

**Dismissal/Offering**

"Doxology"

**Fellowship Luncheon**

Please join us in the gym for fellowship and food!



















## FROM THE BIBLE:

*"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. . . . "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:12-14, 20b)*

*[This will happen] . . . when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, . . . (1 Thessalonians 1:7b-10a)*

## TALKING IT OVER:

1. John received an amazing vision from God about heaven, hell, and judgment in the book of Revelation. How did this vision affect his actions regarding the boy in the above story? (He was zealous and urgent in the cause of Christ.)
2. Look over Revelation chapters 1, 2, 21, and 22. What can we look for in the future?
3. How did this knowledge affect the boy in the story? How will this knowledge affect the way you live today?