

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

May 17, 2026

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!

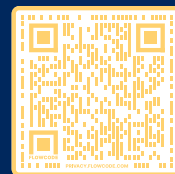
True Life Cards | We encourage you to pick up some True Life Cards in the foyer and give out a few every week. Pray for an opportunity of Gospel conversation with and the salvation of people in the following categories: Family, Friends, Neighbors, Coworkers, Community. Go to truelife.org for more information.

Announcements:

- » Wednesday Night Bible Study this Week at 6p
 - This week we will continue our study on the Book of Ecclesiastes.
- » Shine On Summer Kick-Off Carnival
 - Save the Date - Shine On Summer Kick-Off Event for people with special needs and disabilities of all ages and their families on 5/30/26.
 - Shine On Work days will be held on May 24th and May 27th.
 - Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet is in the Foyer. Please sign up today so we can assign specific jobs for the event.
- » Memorial Weekend Fellowship
 - Next Sunday, May 24th, we will have our annual Memorial Weekend Crawfish boil during our regular scheduled Fellowship Luncheon at 12noon.
- » Honoring 2025 Graduates
 - Congratulations Class of 2026 Graduates: Bella Guidry, Gloria Guidry, Jasper Williams, Canon Williamson
- » 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

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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!



Order of Service: May 17, 2026

Sermon Notes:

Prelude "The Church's One Foundation"

Welcome

Catechism/Responsorial - The 1695 Baptist Catechism-Doctrine-Adoption

35. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life? They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

37. What is adoption? Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

Memory Verses: Ephesians 1:4b-5, "In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,"

Pray for our Church Body (James 5:16)

Craig Trahan Household

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

Local | Cary Erickson | Commissioner Precinct 2

State | John Phillip Devine | Justice of TX Supreme Court

National | Samuel Alito | Justice of Supreme Court

Pray for the Great Commission (Luke 10:2)

New Testament Scripture

Colossians 1:15-23, page 983

Congregational Singing

"How Firm a Foundation"

"In Christ Alone"

"The Goodness of Jesus"

Old Testament Scripture

Judges 21, page 221

Home Worship Song of the Month | scan QR code for lyrics

Psalms 8 - (To the Tune of Joyful, Joyful)

Message

In Christ: An Introduction to Ephesians - Eph. 1:1-3, page 976

Confession/Repentance

Lord's Supper

"I Surrender All"

Dismissal/Offering

"Doxology"

Fellowship Luncheon

Please join us in the gym for fellowship and food!

