

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

February 25, 2024

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!

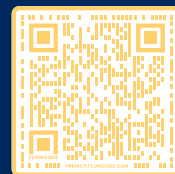
True Life Cards | We encourage you to pick up some True Life Cards in the foyer and give out a few every week. Pray for an opportunity of Gospel conversation with and the salvation of people in the following categories: Family, Friends, Neighbors, Coworkers, Community. Go to truelife.org for more information.

Announcements:

- » **Wednesday Nights at 6p**
 - The journey through the Doctrine of Christ continues this Wednesday at 6p. This week Pastor David will be teaching on the Ascension of Jesus Christ.
- » **Night to Shine SETX**
 - Save the Date - NTS SETX 2/7/25
 - Save the Date - Shine On Summer Kick Off 6/1/24
- » **Extra-Cushion Diaper Ministry**
 - Outreach Port Arthur will be distributing diapers the second Wednesday of each month from 3-5p. Contact Savannah S if you would like to help
- » **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: February 25, 2024

Sermon Notes:

Song "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Welcome

Catechism/Responsorial Doctrine - The Fall of Man - Disbelieving God

- 25. What was the sin of our first parents? Eating the forbidden fruit.
- 26. Why did they eat the forbidden fruit? Because they did not believe what God had said.
- 27. Who tempted them to this sin? The devil tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam.

Memory Verse:

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Pray for our Church Body (James 5:16)

Jeremy Cooper Household

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

Local | Brandon Bartie | PAISD School Board President

State | Julie Pickren | Board of Education

National | Miguel Cardona | Secretary of Education

Pray for the Great Commission (Luke 10:2)

New Testament Scripture

2 Corinthians 4:7-18, page 966

Songs

"Jesus Paid It All"

"Come Thou Fount"

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Old Testament Scripture

Genesis 4, page 3

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

"Fairest Lord Jesus" (Author Unknown - 17th Century)

Message

Calm Amidst Chaos | Matthew 12:15-21, page 817

Confession/Repentance

Lord's Supper

"All Glory Be to Christ"

Dismissal/Offering

"Doxology"

Fellowship Luncheon

Please join us in the gym for fellowship and food!



Bible crudely translated into the tongue of the people. He also left behind a good number of Englishmen who shared his vision to preach God's Word, exposing sin and unbelief. Several generations of these preachers—referred to as "Lollards"—traveled throughout the English countryside, evading spies of both pope and king, preaching from John Wycliffe's sermons and English Bible, and feeding Christ's sheep. They were still preaching 140 years later when God sent a whole army of reformers to convict the faithless medieval Church of its unbelief. As an early prophet of this movement, John Wycliffe is known as the "Morning Star" of the Reformation.

FROM THE BIBLE:

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. (Hebrews 3:12)

But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. (2 Corinthians 4:2)

TALKING IT OVER:

1. *Did the medieval Church in John Wycliffe's day believe God? What actions show its unbelief?*
2. *According to the Hebrews passage above, is it a sin to disbelieve God? Why?*
3. *Can you think of a time when you didn't believe God and were led into sin?*
4. *Why should we believe God? (Because he's true and he is sovereign over his history and creation. His Word is trustworthy and is always right.)*