

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

November 12, 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 for more information.

Announcements:

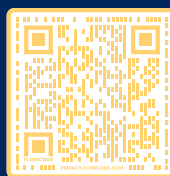
- » Wednesday Nights @ 6p
 - Wednesday Bible Study continues this week, Wednesday November 15th at 6p. We are continuing the Bible Study on the Doctrine of Christ called Christology 101. We are in a study on the Atoning Work of Christ. There will be no Wednesday study on November 22nd.
- » Night to Shine SETX 2/9/24
 - Both volunteer and guest registration for NTS SETX 2024 are OPEN! Register at 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
- » Fried Turkey and Thanksgiving Luncheon - Next Sunday at 12noon
- » 7th Annual Pie Night Fellowship 11/18 @ 6:30p-9p
 - Pie Night Fellowship will be held at the Abshire's Casa located at 1985 Howell St Bmt on Saturday, 11/18 @ 6:30p. Bring guests and bring your favorite pie to share.
- » 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!



Welcome

Catechism/Responsorial Doctrine - Christ's Resurrection & Return

127. Did Christ remain in the tomb after his crucifixion? No. He rose from the tomb on the third day after his death.

128. Where is Christ now? In heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father.

129. Will Christ come again? Yes. At the last day he will come to judge the world.

Memory Verse: Acts 1:11, "...Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Pray for our Church Body (James 5:16)

Ken and Wendy Pitts

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

Romans 5:1-10, page 942

Songs

"O For a Thousand Tougues to Sing"

"Blessed Assurance"

"You are My King (Amazing Love)"

"Amazing Grace"

Old Testament Scripture

Zechariah 9 page 796

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

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

Message

Authority to Forgive | Matthew 9:1-8 page 813

Confession/Repentance

Lord's Supper

"Nothing But the Blood"

Dismissal/Offering

"Doxology"

Fellowship Luncheon

Please join us in the gym for fellowship and food!



FROM THE BIBLE:

. . . looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, . . . (Hebrews 1:3)

TALKING IT OVER:

1. *Why was Christ's resurrection so important to Handel? (Because Handel knew he was about to die.)*
2. *What do we know about God as a result of Christ's resurrection and ascension into heaven? (Hint: God's power, the Father's love for the Son, God's glory, his victory over sin and death.)*
3. *How does Christ's resurrection and ascension affect your life?*