

Welcome Guests!

We are so glad you're here today! We want to do everything possible to make your experience a positive one, so if you have a question, or there is something you need, please ask an usher, greeter or host. If you're brand new to The Ridge, we want to give you a free gift! Just fill out a Communications Card (in the seatback pocket) and hand it to a host at the Info Desk in the foyer.

Please feel free to visit the "Connections Café" this morning for a cup of coffee and a donut. The Café is in the Youth Center and is open before each of the two services.

You can also check out the numerous programs we offer at www.theRidge.org. We have something for everyone: from Xkids to Adult Small Groups, from Celebrate Recovery to 2.42 (our mid-week service), from The EDGE for middle school students to 212° for high school students.

Our "Discover The Ridge" publication provides a wealth of information about all kinds of things related to who we are, what we believe, and how you can get plugged in. You can pick up a copy at the Info Center.

Download today's message (or other recent messages) FREE from www.theRidge.org. It's usually posted by Thursday. If you would like a CD of today's message, fill out an envelope from the Info Center in the lobby, enclose \$3, and hand it to a host at the Info Desk. Please, be sure to include your contact information.

We use a variety of media in our services. Music selections and/or video elements are for illustrative purposes only and should not be interpreted as a blanket endorsement of any artist, musical group, film or television program.

We encourage you to use the nurseries (0-2), Little Xkids (2-K) and Xkids (1st-6th grade) during the services today. Having children in programs designed specifically for them results in a better experience for everyone. Ushers and Greeters can help you find the correct location.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Register for dance lessons with Dance By Design today in the foyer through July 31. Instruction is offered for ages 3-18 in tap, jazz, lyrical, hip-hop, beginning ballet, Irish and clogging. Adult classes may also be available. If you have questions, contact Tami Lawson at dancebydesign@hotmail.com or 350-6861.

If you are interested in participating in a baby dedication on Sunday, August 15, please contact Tricia Jones at 376-8455 or triciajones@theRidge.org.

Bring a craft project and join us for Ladies Craft Night this Tuesday, July 27, 6:30-10:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Not crafty? Just come to visit awhile. Come and go as you please.

There are many opportunities to serve in Xtreme Kids in the upcoming season. Teens through adults are needed for drama, small group leader, set-up/tear-down, technical, production, and music. For more information, contact Melanie at 376-8568 or melanieklinker@theRidge.org.

There will be a very important Xkids Small Group Leaders meeting on Wednesday, August 4 at 6:30 pm. This will be a time to train, motivate and equip those who will be working the closest with our kids.

The Eastside Community Center Fundraising Dinner for which we were soliciting volunteers, has been postponed. Please watch for another opportunity to volunteer in the future.

Verve is the College Age/20's group at The Ridge! Verve meets on Saturdays at 8 pm to connect, grow, serve, and just hang out. Contact Mark at markjones@theRidge.org or 447-9691 to get on the email list.

Celebrate Recovery meets on Thursdays, 6:30-8 pm in the Teen Room. This week's topic is, "Making Changes." If you have questions, contact Lisa F. at 375-0028.

Communion is available in the Prayer Room (next to Room 100) each Sunday from 9 am until after the 2nd service. It is also a great place to have a quiet moment to pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

SEE XKIDS NEWS ON THE BACK

TEEN NEWS

The teens will meet at their regular times tonight. EDGE (Jr. High) meets from 5-7 pm and 212° (Sr. High) from 7-9 pm. Bring a friend for some high energy fun and a great lesson!

Teens, invite some friends for a Pool Party this Wednesday, July 28 from 6-9 pm at the Prices' (1000 Bayside Ct.). Activities include pool, beach, kayaks, paddle boats, and food. The cost is \$3 for pizza/snacks.

The Cincinnati Reds Game/Mercy Me Concert, is next Sunday, August 1. The deadline to sign up is this Wednesday, July 28. Sign up at the table in the foyer or email Pastor Randy at randygilbert@theRidge.org. The group will leave from church at 10:30 am and the ticket cost is \$17.

Teen Summer Calendars are available at the table in the foyer. If your teen didn't receive one in the mail, and you would like to be notified of up-coming events, leave your contact information on the info sheet at the table.

Incoming 7th graders through seniors, mark your calendars for the Teen Retreat at beautiful Camp Allendale in Trafalgar. They will leave from church on Friday, August 20 at 5 pm and return Sunday, August 22 at noon. Cost and sign-up information will be coming soon.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF July 25

SUNDAY 5:00 pm Producers Meeting 5:00 pm EDGE* 7:00 pm 212° *	WEDNESDAY 6:00 pm Teen Pool Party* THURSDAY 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery*
MONDAY 6:00 pm Men's Basketball	SATURDAY 8:00 pm Verve*
TUESDAY 6:00 pm Worship Team 6:30 pm Ladies Craft Night*	

* see announcement in bulletin

For upcoming events see the calendar at www.theRidae.org

I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

1 John 1:1-2

John 14:1-6 -- The Way, the Truth, the Life

-- The Way is the _____ that we travel through life...

-- The Life is the _____ that we seek...

-- Therefore, the Truth is the _____ to get us there...

Bottom Line

Truth is the _____ that gets us where we want to be.

"Truth is not merely an abstract idea. It is a Person, and that Person has a name. We cannot separate the principle of truth from the Person who embodies it: Jesus Christ."

Josh McDowell

John 18:37-38

Psalms 43:3

John 11:23-27

When we embrace the Truth, and align our lives with the Truth...

We discover that _____

XKIDS NEWS

The Xkids are learning about Service: Lending a hand to help someone else. The verse is Ephesians 6:7 - "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men."

Out-going 6th graders are welcome to attend Xkids through the summer as well as EDGE events. Out-going 6th graders who attend Xkids should attend ALL parts of the program and a main service if they stay for both services.

Promotion for nurseries through 6th grade will be August 15.



Financial Update

Weekly Target	Weekly Average	Weekly +/-	Y-T-D +/-
\$13,130	\$12,853	-\$277	-\$8025

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