

## Congregational

### CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate John Smestad and Michanda Hoffman on their wedding on February 14.



### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARTNER WITH AUTUMN RIDGE CHURCH?

Four-week series of membership classes begins March 7/8 in room LC101.

You can learn more about what makes Autumn Ridge unique as a church and formalize your partnership with us through church membership if that is your desire.

Each class will be offered at three different times:

**Saturday, 7pm • Sunday, 9:00am, 10:30am**

You are free to attend different class times as needed to fit your schedule.

#### CLASS DATES

- Week 1 ~ March 7/8
- Week 2 ~ March 14/15
- Week 3 ~ March 21/22
- Week 4 ~ March 28/29

Sign up for the spring classes by contacting Dorothy Morris at 288-8880 or [Morris.Dorothy@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Morris.Dorothy@AutumnRidgeChurch.org).

### OUR GIVING TO GOD

Given Last Week

**Offerings: \$ 66,529**  
**Sharing Hope: \$ 295**

*Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.*

1 Timothy 6:18

### ANNUAL MEETING

We had a great annual meeting. We approved 4 elders to become board members: Brad Anderson, Harold Burden, Mark Foley, and Roger Stahl. We also approved a budget of \$4,068,327 coming from tithes and offerings. We presented some of the ministry focuses for 2015. You can find those by reading the articles in the February edition of the ARC magazine. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pat Wester at [Wester.Pat@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Wester.Pat@AutumnRidgeChurch.org) or 288-8880.



### SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

**Saturday, February 28**

*Spaghetti & Meatballs, Corn on the Cob, Garlic Bread Sticks, Oatmeal Jammers*

The Saturday Night Dinner is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children (12 and under). Please reserve your dinner by Friday at noon online at [AutumnRidgeChurch.org/meals](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org/meals)

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CAFE

Join us for hospitality and fellowship in the CENTER, and enjoy food items for the whole family from light, kid-friendly foods to box dinners, even salads and soup. Each à la carte item is either \$.75 or \$1, and box dinners are only \$4. We serve **each Wednesday from 5:15-6:30pm**. No reservations needed.

### LOBBY SALES THIS WEEKEND!

#### arts series season 9

two of the biggest names in the business live at autumn ridge



**Steven Curtis Chapman**  
with Brandon Heath  
Love & the Outcome  
and Ellie Holcomb  
**Friday, May 8, 7 PM**

Lobby presale  
Feb 21-22  
online starting Feb 23

*The best in Christian music today, back after selling out overnight four years ago.*

[AutumnRidgeChurch.org](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org)

**Tim Hawkins**  
America's premier clean comedian  
with Jonnie W

**Saturday, Nov 21  
7:30 PM**

Tickets on sale now  
(and going fast)  
[AutumnRidgeChurch.org](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org)



## WELCOME, VISITORS

If you are a first-time visitor, stop by the NEWCOMER CONNECTION in the lobby by Christos Bookcenter to receive your gifts. The staff at the NEWCOMER CONNECTION would like to welcome you and answer any questions you may have.

### GIFTS FOR FIRST-TIME VISITORS

Come to the NEWCOMER CONNECTION to select a book to take home with you at no charge. Please take a gift bag that includes information about our church and our ministries. The bag also includes a coupon good for a free Saturday Night Dinner for your entire family, a coupon for the Sunday morning CENTER Café, and a 10% off coupon for Christos Bookcenter.

New Sermon Series  
see more at  
[www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org](http://www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org)

February 28-March 1 JESUS EXPLAINS HIS CROSS Mark 8:27-38	March 21-22 JESUS AT THE LAST SUPPER Mark 14:12-26
March 7-8 JESUS ON THE MOUNTAIN Mark 9:2-13	March 28-29 Palm Sunday JESUS IN THE GARDEN Mark 14:32-51
March 14-15 JESUS AT BETHANY Mark 14:1-11	April 3 Good Friday JESUS ON THE CROSS Mark 15:21-47

## PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Children are always welcome in our services, but if your child gets fussy, please move to the Parents' Room which is located opposite the Christos Bookcenter.

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Join us Friday evenings for support to become free from addictive, compulsive, and dysfunctional behaviors. Childcare is provided. We have worship at 7:00pm, small groups at 8:00pm, and Solid Rock Cafe at 9:00pm. For more information contact Gary Seaquist at [garyseaquist@gmail.com](mailto:garyseaquist@gmail.com) or 287-9101.

## Christos Bookcenter

In the lobby at Autumn Ridge Church  
[ChristosOfAutumnRidge.com](http://ChristosOfAutumnRidge.com) • 507-252-9090



**Your Pain Is Changing You: Discover the Power of a Godly Response**  
by David Crosby

The question is not why we suffer, but rather how to persevere. Real-life stories of others' personal journeys through suffering will empower you to take charge of your responses and improve the quality of your life and the lives of those you love.

### 101 Things You Should Do Before Your Kids Leave Home

by David Bordon and Tom Winters

This book contains great creative and practical things you can do with your child that will bring your family closer together and give your child memories of how you invested the most important commodity you have—your time.



### Equipping Ministers of Autumn Ridge Church

Senior Pastor ..... C. John Steer  
Executive Pastor, Children ..... Pat Wester  
Adoration Worship ..... Allen Hightower  
Students ..... Jason Motte, James Allen  
Community & Leadership Dev ..... Andy Kumpel  
Ministry Development ..... Karen Foster  
Care and Enrichment ..... Dan Farm  
Missions ..... Woody Roland  
Next Chapter Ministries ..... Andy Kilen

### 2015 Elder Board

Brad Anderson (chair), Jim Baber, George Beech, Harold Burden, Mark Foley, John Folkerts, Kip Forsthofer, Tom Pankratz, John Scales, Cheolsu Shin, Roger Stahl, Dave Swanson

### Call the church office at 507-288-8880

You may contact members of our staff via email by typing:

[Lastname.Firstname@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Lastname.Firstname@AutumnRidgeChurch.org)  
RidgeLines or ARC Magazine:

[Publicity@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Publicity@AutumnRidgeChurch.org)

RidgeLines deadline is 1 week prior to published date



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**RIDGE LINES**  
THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OF AUTUMN RIDGE CHURCH

# THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM

**Saturday** 5:30 PM  
**Sunday** 9:00 AM  
**Sunday** 10:30 AM

Our purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who love God and serve people.

**FEBRUARY 21-22, 2015**

LOVE • ENGAGE • GO

**DIFFICULT CHOICES AHEAD**

Please pray for our cross-cultural workers, Dan and Anna. They are making some crucial life decisions which require real wisdom.

Always keep in mind those who minister in challenging contexts need our continuing support and informed prayers.

On the last page of her final book, Mildred Cable, missionary pioneer to the villages and towns sprinkled around the few oases in the vast Gobi Desert, wrote:

*“Without God we cannot; without us, God will not.”*

**SAFE FAMILIES**

Informational Gatherings: Feb 24 from 7-8pm at the home of **Jeff and Andrea Hunderfund**, 1796 Spruce Meadows Dr SE.

Contact Joy McAfee, director of Safe Families-Southern MN at [joy@safefamiliesmn.org](mailto:joy@safefamiliesmn.org).

March training sessions:  
Session 1 - **March 10 from 6-9pm**.  
Session 2 - **March 24 from 6-9pm**, (must also attend Session 1) in **LC101**.

**MEDICAL AND DENTAL CONFERENCE IN THAILAND**

Hundreds of medical missionaries working in dozens of countries will be gathering in Chiang Mai, Thailand, for the 35th Continuing Medical and Dental Education Conference of the Christian Medical and Dental Associations from February 23 to March 5, 2015.

For many front-line medical missionaries working in rugged, isolated, dangerous locations, this is the only opportunity to learn about advances in medicine while gaining strength from renewed fellowship with colleagues.

Several Autumn Ridgers will be involved during these intense two weeks:

**Brian Harrison** will be helping with technology. **Jeff Cabalka** will be working with the high school group. **Juli Fischer, Gayle Moir, and Janet Topazian** will be involved in the women's program.

Teaching faculty include **Allison Cabalka, Phil F., Joel Michelson, Chris Moir, Tait Shanafelt, and Mark Topazian**.

Please pray that all participants would be encouraged, educated, and spiritually refreshed.



**OPEN HOUSE BREAKFAST AT NEXT CHAPTER**

Next Chapter Ministries is a local organization committed to building lasting relationships with people that have been affected by crime, restoring them to God, family, and community with the Gospel of God.

On Sunday, March 8, you are invited to come get a taste for life at Next Chapter! Bring a friend and come stop by for breakfast anytime between 9am-1pm.

Next Chapter is located at 720 3rd Avenue SE. There is no set program or charge, but our staff will be available to show you around and answer any questions you have.

For more information, call 529-5799 or visit [www.NextChapterRochester.org](http://www.NextChapterRochester.org).



**BETHEL CHOIR IN CONCERT**

The Bethel University choir will be in concert at Autumn Ridge Church **Wednesday, March 18 at 7:30pm**.

The choir will perform psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs plus a selection of a cappella music. No tickets are required; a freewill offering will be taken.

**2015 SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS**  
IRONWOOD SPRINGS CHRISTIAN RANCH • STEWARTVILLE, MN

**Junior I Camp: June 22-June 25**  
For boys and girls going into 3rd-5th grade in the fall of 2015. Horsemanship Option-Trailblazers. Riders must be 8 years of age or older.

**Junior II Camp: July 6-10**  
For boys and girls going into 6th-8th grade in the fall of 2015. Horsemanship Option-Highriders. Limit of 60 participants and for those who weigh 225# or less.

**Boys S.O.A.R.: July 19-22** (Spiritual Outdoor Adventure Retreat)  
For boys ages 12-16. To develop outdoor skills in camping, fishing, archery, canoeing and more. Time for devotions, Bible studies, zip line, challenge course and trail riding. Bring your bike. Limit of 20 participants.

**Teen & Wrangler Camp: June 29-July 3**  
For those going into 9th-12th grade in the fall of 2015. Horsemanship Option-Wrangler Camp. Limit of 20 participants and weigh 225# or less.

**Buckaroo DAY Camp - (Beginner): July 27-31**  
**Cowpoke DAY Camp - (Intermediate): Aug 3-7**  
For kids going into grades 5-8 in the fall of 2015. From 9am-3pm each day with lunch provided. Limit of 18 participants per camp and a weight of 225# or less.

**REMADE EZEKIEL 36:26**  
Register Online at: [www.ironwoodsprings.com](http://www.ironwoodsprings.com)

*A Night at the Derby*

**ETERNAL ELEGANCE**  
MARCH 14, 2015  
7:00 PM

6th - 12th Grade  
\$10 per student / \$5 per guest  
Tickets are available online or at Mosaic on March 1 and March 8

**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS**  
FAITH | SERVICE | FUN

**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TRAIL LIFE BOYS**  
Meets every other Monday  
6:15 to 7:45pm  
Next meeting: **February 23**

For more information, go to [www.autumnridgechurch.org/children](http://www.autumnridgechurch.org/children) or email [Children@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Children@AutumnRidgeChurch.org).

**TRAIL LIFE USA**  
Adventure • Character • Leadership

*Please continue to pray for the Mongolian children and their families who are receiving heart surgeries at the Mayo Clinic.*

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
Feb 25 The Adventure of Saul's Conversion  
March 4 The Adventures of Peter

**NEW PRECEPT STUDY**  
**Numbers: Trusting God in the Wilderness**  
Beginning February 24 for 7 weeks  
9:30-11:45am or 7:00-8:30 pm, Luther Room

For information contact Karen Rucker at [ruckerka@yahoo.com](mailto:ruckerka@yahoo.com) or Julie Smestad at [juliesmestad@charter.net](mailto:juliesmestad@charter.net)

**devoted hearts 2015**  
APRIL 24-25

Go to [DevotedHeartsRochester.com](http://DevotedHeartsRochester.com) for details

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLUBS**  
**6:30 - 8:00pm**  
K15 Preschool - 5th Grade

**Feb/March Meeting Dates: 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25**  
**February 25**

**Elementary: Bling Night**  
Come wearing your best bling and we will focus on practicing the Golden Rule.

**Preschool: Movie Night**  
Wear your favorite super hero costume and we'll watch our favorite Veggie Tales super heroes in action!

**DISCIPLEKIDS WEEKEND CLASSES**  
**Saturdays** at 5:30pm:  
Classes for infant - K15 Preschool  
**Sundays** at 9:00am and 10:30am:  
Classes for infant - 5th Grade

Elementary students are encouraged to attend class for one hour and then attend a worship service with their families during another service.

**BARNABAS MINISTRY**  
**Sundays** at 10:30am in the **Maninka Room**  
Kids and teens with disabilities are invited to join us for a class on Sundays.

**February: Canned/Nonperishable Food Drive**  
**Benefitting:** In His Name Food Bank  
See flyer at any Children's check-in station for more information.

**CUSTODIAN WANTED**  
Autumn Ridge is looking for applicants for a part-time weekend-evening paid custodial position. This position will help with cleaning and room setups Saturdays and Sundays with occasional weekday evenings.

For more information please contact Tom Ulwelling at [Ulwelling.Tom@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Ulwelling.Tom@AutumnRidgeChurch.org).

**Student Ministries**

**Mosaic Student Night:**  
Sundays, 5:30-7:00pm  
(Not meeting February 22)

**Middle School Small Groups:**  
Sundays (during Mosaic)  
(Not meeting February 22)

**High School Small Groups:**  
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Mission Trip training:**  
February 22

**Eternal Elegance**  
March 14, 7:00pm  
Tickets available online or at Mosaic March 1 & 8  
\$10 per student and \$5 per guest

**RECHARGE COLLEGE-AGE BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS • 7:00 PM**  
We meet weekly for Bible Study and fellowship. Contact Michaela Patch at [mikkipv@gmail.com](mailto:mikkipv@gmail.com) for more info.

**HIRE A STUDENT**

This summer, students in grades 7-12 will be participating in mission trips to Haiti, Appalachia, and Minneapolis. If you would like to support some of these students by hiring them to help with projects or tasks around your home, please email [Students@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:Students@AutumnRidgeChurch.org). Include details of the job, how long it will take, when it needs to be completed, and contact information.

**Young Adult Ministries**

**SINGLES BIBLE STUDY**  
Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. Meeting in February at the home of Jeff and Jo Kuball (4415 Stratford Lane NW, Rochester).

**YOUNG MARRIEDS DINNER**  
You are invited to our next dinner on Sunday, **February 22 at Pi Pizza** (3932 Marketplace Drive NW). Meet us after the 10:30 service near the Living Room or join us there.