



September 17-18, 2016

*Ridge Lines:* CONNECTING TO  
THE AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY

# thinking CHRISTIANLY

about the November elections



*Welcome, Guests!*

We pray that you felt encouraged by the love of Christ as you worshiped with us. We strive to create a grace- and hope-filled environment where you can take your next step toward Christ!

Please fill out a **Connection Card** from the rack in front of your chair, and bring it to the **Connection Center** in the lobby. The staff would love to meet you, answer questions, and give you a gift bag that includes a 10% off coupon for Christos Bookcenter and tickets for a complimentary Saturday night meal or Sunday morning coffee and pastries at one of our **HotSpots**.

Children are always welcome in our worship services. If your child becomes fussy, we can direct you to spaces which will allow you to see and hear what is going on in the services while attending to your child's needs.



## **Extending the Truth Conversation Starter:**

**"What is one of your biggest fears?"**

We are embracing a year-long focus called Extend the Truth. Want to engage in a conversation with your colleague, neighbor, family, or friend? Above is a simple conversation starter we can use to start learning more about them . . . so we can start loving them more.

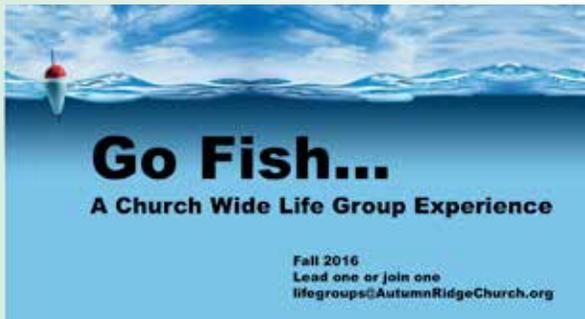
## EXTENDING THE TRUTH

### Six-week "Go Fish" Lifegroups starting September 26

We know that when it comes to sharing our faith, many of us respond with some amount of fear and trepidation. Many feel that evangelism isn't their "gift," but in fact evangelism is something to which we are all called.

This fall, in conjunction with the sermon series, *The Gospel*, we are encouraging everyone to participate in **Go Fish!**, a six-week curriculum that will explore the motivation behind sharing the gospel.

Together, let's discover God's heart for those who don't know him and the role that we each play in introducing others to him. Along the way you will be equipped with tools to help make sharing your faith a natural part of your life. **Interested in leading or joining a group? Write "Go Fish" on a connection card.**



## CONNECT BY SERVING

The Tech Team serves during every weekend service. If you would like to serve in the areas of operating lights, sound, video, or projection consider, serving on this team. Previous experience is not required. For more information contact Evan Bonde at [TechArts@AutumnRidgeChurch.org](mailto:TechArts@AutumnRidgeChurch.org).

A promotional graphic for Financial Peace University. It features a photo of Dave Ramsey on the right. The text on the left includes "Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace UNIVERSITY", "Jesus said more about MONEY than LOVE", "Sundays, 9:00am in the Upper Room. Begins Sept. 18, 2016", and "Please visit www.daveramsey.com to register".

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Over 500 people from Autumn Ridge have attended Financial Peace University. Many continued on this journey and are now debt free for the first time in their adult lives. They did it by following biblical financial principles from the 9 weeks of classes. Whatever your stage in life, FPU can help you achieve financial peace from the Prince of Peace.



## ARCIWAYS

THE PATH TO PARTNERSHIP

Sept 24/25 | Oct 1/2 | Oct 8/9  
Saturdays at 7PM, Sundays at 9 & 10:30AM

### TOPICS INCLUDE

- Our history, God's gift of salvation
- Our purpose, personality, and beliefs
- Our organization and where we're going
- How God made you for his purpose

## AUTUMN RIDGE CHURCH MINISTRY EVENTS

### children (Infant-Grade 5)

**Don't know where to go? Check out the Children's Welcome Desk in the lobby**

**Saturdays, 5:30pm:** Infant-PreK

**Sundays, 9 & 10:30am:** Infant-Grade 5

**Wednesdays, 6:30pm:** Kids' Club (PreK-Grade 5)

**Barnabas** (Special Needs): *Sundays, 10:30am*

**Trail Life USA** (boys K-Grade 7):

*Monday, Sept. 19, 6:15pm - Timothy Chapel*

**American Heritage Girls** (girls age 5-18):

*Monday, Sept. 19, 6:15pm - Children's Wing*

**1 Thing for Sept.:** *Clothing for Safe Families*

### students (Grades 6-12)

**Mosaic:** *Sundays, 5:30pm - Summit Room*

**Middle School Life Groups:** *Sundays, 5:30pm*

**High School Life Groups:** *Wednesdays, 6:30pm*

**Middle School Fall Retreat:** *Sept 23-25*

**High School Color Wars:** *Sept. 25, 5:30pm*

### college-aged (ages 18-24)

**Sundays, 7:30pm:** *in the Lighthouse.*

*Fall Kick-off week.*

### men

**Men's Bible Study:** *Fridays, 6:00am - Upper Room*

### women

**Women's Bible Study:** *Wednesdays 9:30am &*

*6:30pm. Numbers: the 40 Year Detour.*

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**Side by Side** (medical spouses): *Fridays,*

*9:15am - Summit Room*

**MOPS** (Mothers of Preschoolers): *Thursday,*

*Sept. 22, 9:15am - Summit Room*

### fusion (Single Young Adults)

**Tuesdays, 7:00pm** *in the Lighthouse*

### missions & local outreach

**Sandwiches and Soda:** Kosovar Missionaries  
*Sun, Sept., 18, 12:00pm - Common Grounds*

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serving in the Philippines. *Sunday, Sept., 24,*  
*12:00pm - Common Grounds*

### general events & classes

#### Choir Rehearsal

*Wednesdays, 6:30pm - Sanctuary*

#### Volleyball

*Tuesdays, 6:30pm - CENTER Gym*

#### Celebrate Recovery

*Fridays, 7:00pm - Upper Room*

#### Precept Study (men and women)

*Tuesdays, 9:30am and 7:00pm - Luther Room*  
Acts: Jesus' Witnesses Empowered by his Spirit.

#### OASIS Senior Adults

*Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 8:30am - Main Entrance*  
A day in Lanesboro. \$35/person.

#### New Parents' Class

*Saturday, Sept. 24 at 9:00am - Luther Room*  
For those who want to participate in a child  
dedication service.

#### Evensong and Holy Communion Service

*Sunday, Sept. 24, 6:00pm - Timothy Chapel*  
John and Gretchen Steer invite you to join  
them for a service of hymns, prayers,  
scripture readings, and liturgy from *The Book*  
*of Common Prayer.*

#### Caregiver Support Group

*Monday, Sept., 26, 6:30pm - Luther Room*  
Open to all caregivers.

More information about our activities are available at [AutumnRidgeChurch.org](http://AutumnRidgeChurch.org) or the church app.



**SIDE BY SIDE**, a ministry for medical wives, is in need of childcare workers for their Friday morning meetings at Autumn Ridge Church. This is a paid position. Please contact Stephanie Auton at [stephanieauton@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanieauton@yahoo.com) for additional information.

# Congregational News

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Dawn Bergen and her family whose mother, Nancy Blackburn, died on September 10.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Adam and Nancy Johnson on the birth of their second son, Espen Owen, on September 4.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING: \$ 77,910**

## MISSIONS THIS WEEK

Join us next week for another Sandwiches and Sodas. This time we'll visit with Dick and Gloria P., ARC supported missionaries to the Philippines. Dick and Gloria do church-planting work in Sebu. They have been missionaries for over 30 years. They have not been here to visit with us in quite some time, so they have a lot of interesting stories to tell. Don't miss this!



## CHRISTOS BOOKCENTER

[AUTUMNRIDGECHURCH.ORG/BOOKCENTER](http://AUTUMNRIDGECHURCH.ORG/BOOKCENTER)

TU: 10:30AM - 5PM | WED-FRI: 10AM - 5PM | SAT: 5 - 7PM | SUN: 8:30AM - 12PM 507-252-9090

***Faith in the Voting Booth: Practical Wisdom for Voting Well***  
~by Leith Anderson and Galen Carey

This book does not tell you how to vote. However, its biblical wisdom will help you resist clever campaign slogans and television ads designed to make you angry or afraid.



***Inviting God into the Process*** ~by Dave Butts

This scripture-based, non-partisan prayer guide helps the voter pray on target for what God desires to do in the election regarding the unborn, religious freedom, and the threat of terrorism.

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Saturday 5:30 pm Band  
Sunday 9:00 am Choir & Orchestra  
Sunday 10:30 am Band

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**Senior Pastor**  
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Pam Cray

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Dan Farm

**Missions**  
Woody Roland

**Serving**  
Karen Foster

**Group Life**  
Paul McDonald

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You may contact our staff via email at:  
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For a complete listing of our leadership team, please visit the church website at:  
[www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/leadership](http://www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/leadership)