



March 18-19, 2017

Ridge Lines: CONNECTING TO THE AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Being a Christian does not mean being "for" Christianity and "against" non-Christians, or "for" Christ like a cause or a movement to which you give approval.

Rather it means being one who belongs to Christ, as putting yourself under Christ.

It means being one who asks Christ to rule heart and will, so that you are free for possibilities you would never otherwise be free for.

It means being one who uses obediently those means of union with Christ which Christ has given.

It means being one who accepts Christ's pruning knife, and so learns to be humble.

It means one who can forget themselves and laugh at themselves. Less of self, more of Christ.

That can be the only proof of what we believe.

A.M. Ramsey, Former Archbishop of Canterbury



Welcome, Guests!

We pray that you are encouraged by the love of Christ as you worship 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 coupon for Christos Bookcenter and tickets for a complementary 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.



A little about Autumn Ridge

Our Vision is to equip Autumn Ridgers, in the power of the Spirit, to be disciples where they live, work, and play, and to share our hope in Jesus.

Our Ministry Focus is to equip followers of Jesus to understand their identity in Christ, discover their God-given gifts, and exercise them in love to build up Christ's kingdom.

TAKE THE FEAR OUT OF SHARING ABOUT YOUR FAITH IN JESUS

We'll use Jesus' own model for disciple-making:

1. Jesus invited people to come and see.
2. Jesus encouraged some to "follow me."
3. Jesus challenged his followers to become fishers of men.
4. Jesus promoted multiplication by telling them to "go and bear fruit."

Saturday, March 25, Edwards Room 9:00am - 12:00pm
Led by Pastor Woody Roland



EXTENDING THE TRUTH CONVERSATION STARTER:



"Please tell me about something that is important to you. Why is it important to you?"

Want to engage in a conversation with a colleague, neighbor, family, or friend? This simple conversation starter can help to start learning more about them . . . so we can start loving them more.

FULLY CONNECT WITH US

We believe the best next step to strengthen your commitment to the ministry at Autumn Ridge comes when you fully connect with us in three crucial areas: Life Groups, Giving, and Serving. Visit our website or app and click on **"Fully Connect with Us"** and become fully connected.



It's time to order flowers for the Easter flowering crosses.

Please consider ordering lilies or mums in honor or memory of loved ones. Orders may be placed on our website, AutumnRidgeChurch.org/Easter. If you prefer to pay by check, order forms are available at the Connection Center in the front lobby or the church office during the week. Feel free to order as many plants as you would like, but **the deadline for orders is Monday, April 10**. These flowers will be used to decorate our two flowering crosses and provide family photo opportunities. You can take them home beginning at 1:00pm on Sunday, April 16. You may also stop by the church lobby any time April 17 - 19 and bring your flowers home.

A TIME FOR WOMEN CRAFT RETREAT

Ladies, please join us Saturday, March 25 9am-4pm in the Summit Room for an informal gathering. You may come and go as your schedule permits. Please bring a snack to share with others; coffee and water will be provided. Feel free to bring a sack lunch. Questions call or text Mert at 507-269-7653.

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

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

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

American Heritage Girls (ages 5-18): Monday,

Mar. 20, 6:15pm

Trail Life USA (boys K-Grade 7): Monday,

Mar. 20, 6:15pm

Helping Hands: Thursday, Mar. 23, 9:30am

1 Thing for March: Kids' Choice - purchase World Vision animals

students (Grades 6-12)

Mosaic (6-12th grade): 5:30pm, Sundays

Middle School Life Groups: 5:30pm, Sundays

High School Life Groups: Wednesdays, 6:30pm

college-aged (ages 18-24)

College-Aged: Sundays, 7:30pm - Lighthouse

fusion (Single Young Adults)

Tuesdays, 7:00pm: in the Lighthouse

missions & local outreach

Coming March 25 - April 1: Your opportunity to participate in a one-week missions trip to Honduras to visit the Barahonas, Autumn Ridge supported missionaries. Contact Bonnie Davids at bdavids@centurytel.net.

men

Men's Bible Study Fellowship: Tuesdays, 6:30pm - Upper Room

Men's Coffee Club, Discussions, and Presentations: Wednesdays, 9:30am - Upper Room

Wednesday Men's Study: 6:30pm - Upper Room

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

women

Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays 9:30am & 6:30pm. 1 Cor 12 - Unity in Giftedness

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers): Thursday, Mar. 16, 9:15am - Summit Room

Side by Side (medical spouses): Fridays, 9:15am - Summit Room

general events & classes

Adult Bible Study: Book of Hebrews Sundays, 10:30am - Upper Room

Precept Study (men and women) Tuesdays, 9:30am and 7:00pm - Luther Room A
Philippians: How to Have Joy.

Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays, 6:30pm - Sanctuary

Volleyball Tuesdays, 6:30pm - CENTER Gym

Celebrate Recovery Fridays, 7:00pm - Upper Room

Evensong and Holy Communion Service Sunday, Mar. 19, 6pm, Timothy Chapel

A Time for Women Spring Craft Retreat Saturday, Mar. 25, 9am-4pm - Summit Room

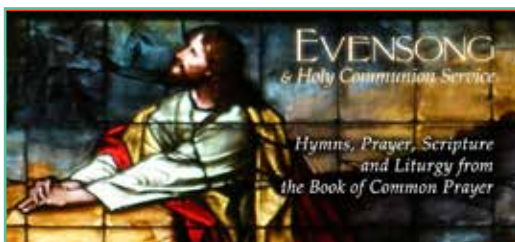
OASIS Senior Adults Tuesday, Mar. 21, 12:00pm, Common Grounds Cafe, Food with Culture (German food) \$8.00 per person. Erika Kelly will be talking about God's infinite plan for our life. Contact Marilyn Leske at 252-0544 or email her at leske.am@gmail.com to register.

More information about our activities are available at AutumnRidgeChurch.org or the church app.

EMOTIONALLY - FOCUSED COUPLES

Too often, the close connection God wants married couples to enjoy can become strained or even broken. No advice or newfound skills will make a difference unless they feel emotionally safe, close, cherished, and respected together. It's that strong emotional connection that truly motivates spouses to build a healthy marriage.

Pastor Dan Farm, Sunday, March 19, 2017
9:00 and 10:30 am – LC 101



Join John and Gretchen Steer for Evensong and Holy Communion on Sunday, March 19 at 6PM in the Timothy Chapel.

Congregational News

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Sharon Chambers and her family on the March 8 death of her father, Raymond Myers.

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Robin Morgenthaler and her family. Robin's mother, Jean, died March 5.

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Peggy Johns on the death of her brother, Tom, on March 5.

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Dale Curtin and his family, whose father died on March 8.

Giving to God's Work Last Week: \$ 74,653

MISSIONS THIS WEEK

Autumn Ridge-supported missionaries, Placido and Toni M are raising funds to build a training center for indigenous groups in Bolivia and Brazil. Both Toni and Placido are medical professionals. Contact Missions@AutumnRidgeChurch.org to see how you can help.



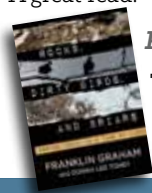
CHRISTOS BOOKCENTER

AUTUMNRIDGECHURCH.ORG/BOOKCENTER

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

Good Leaders Ask Great Questions: Your Foundation for Successful Leadership ~by John Maxwell

America's #1 leadership authority has mastered the art of asking questions to learn and grow, connect with people, challenge himself, improve his team, and develop better ideas. A great read!



Rocks, Dirty Birds, and Briars ~by Franklin Graham, and Donna Lee Toney

The sower foretells the world's ways! Rocks are thrown, dirty birds steal peace, while briars choke the truth. God is unchangeable; His Word, good seed, produces truthfulness, holiness, and obedience.

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

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C. John Steer

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Pat Wester

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Would you like to give to Autumn Ridge Church? Simply text ARIDGE to 77977 **

**You will receive a one-time reply containing a link to give to ARC (1 msg/request). Please be aware that msg & data rates may apply. For full terms & conditions please visit <https://pushpay.com/terms>. For the privacy policy please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help reply HELP or STOP to cancel.

You may contact our staff via email at:
Lastname.Firstname@AutumnRidgeChurch.org

If you want to contact the Elder Board with your questions or concerns, send an email to elders@autumnridgechurch.org

For a complete listing of our leadership team, please visit the church website at:
www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/leadership