



August 12-13, 2017

Ridge Lines: CONNECTING TO THE AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY



Lake Baptism Service Sunday Night!

**6:00PM, August 13
at the Penz Residence**

Park at Autumn Ridge Church and take a shuttle or walk across the street to the Penz residence. The shuttle starts running at 4:45pm.

Be encouraged by the testimonies of God's faithfulness, and encourage those who are being baptized with your presence.

You won't want to miss this special worship service!

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 complimentary Saturday night meal in the Common Grounds Cafe.

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.



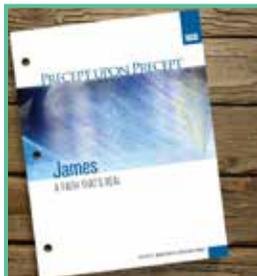
A little about Autumn Ridge

Our 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.

GALS - Sign Up NOW for Women2Women Mentoring

Enjoy a night out with contemporaries plus a fun, life-skill activity with applicable Bible study discussion. **Register at the ARC website: ministries>women>W2W>register.**

Don't wait! The first gathering of mentors & mentees will be September 22 for supper.



New Precept Study: James: A Faith That's Real

Tuesday mornings and evenings in September. Registration is now open on the men's and women's pages of the church website.

Update from the Pastoral Transition Committee

The Value of Networking

In recent months, the Pastoral Transition Committee (PTC), in collaboration with the Elder Board, has invited a variety of individuals to the church as part of a networking strategy. Some have preached from the pulpit, while others have simply met with the Committee and Elders. Pastor John Steer has indicated that he will, at some point, step down as senior pastor (he has not set a specific date). The PTC would like to explain why we are networking, who we have brought in, and what we have learned.

Why?

As Pastor Steer mentioned when introducing one of the recent speakers, networking is particularly important for ARC because we are not part of a church denomination with a built-in contact base from which we can identify potential pastoral candidates. In addition, a church of our size requires unique talents, so it will be important to utilize the wisdom and network of other experienced church leaders.

Who?

The PTC has met with Leith Anderson (former Senior Pastor at Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie and President of the National Association of Evangelicals), Greg Scharf (Chair of the Pastoral Theology Department at Trinity Seminary), Jason Strand (one of the lead preaching pastors at Eagle Brook Church in the Twin Cities), and Rustin Rossello (Pastor at Scottsdale, Arizona Bible Church). They have all provided valuable insights into the transition process.

What have we learned?

- Our guests have told us that Autumn Ridge will be an attractive opportunity for future candidates. Our strengths include our people, our worship services, our Biblical focus, and ministries that function without the direct oversight of the senior pastor.
- It is more important to plan the process for succession than to focus on setting a date.
- We have been reminded that prayer - as always - will be essential as we seek God's guidance for the future.

Please contact any member of the Pastoral Transition Committee, listed below, or members of the Elder Board if you have any questions.

Mark Topazian (Chair), Brad Anderson, Jim Baber, Tom Besch, Max Broadwater, Harold Burden, Marielle Merry, Carla Nelson, Shalini Prabhakar, Jessica Pridie, Justin Van Dalen, Jann Wright

The e-mail address for the Pastoral Transition Committee is Transition@AutumnRidgeChurch.org.

The e-mail address for the Elder Board is Elders@AutumnRidgeChurch.org.

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): Resumes in September

students (Grades 6-12)

Mosaic: Not Meeting August 6 (Lake Baptism Svc.)

college-aged (ages 18-24)

College-Aged: Sunday, Aug 6, 7:30pm, meeting off campus. For more info contact Jon Zeldenrust at JonZeldenrust@gmail.com

fusion (Single Young Adults)

Tuesdays, 7:00pm: in the Lighthouse

missions & local outreach

Interested in serving locally?

Check out your options on the local serving portal: AutumnRidgeChurch.org/mercying.

men

Men's Coffee Club, Discussions, and Presentations:

Wednesdays, 9:30am - Upper Room

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

women

Jonah: Second Chances: Wednesday, Aug 16, 7pm, Common Grounds Cafe

general events & classes

Adult Bible Study: Book of Psalms

Sundays, 10:30am - Upper Room

Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL)

Tuesdays, 6:30pm - Wesley Counseling Room

Volleyball

Tuesdays, 6:30pm - CENTER Gym

Celebrate Recovery

Fridays, 7:00pm - Upper Room

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

AutumnRidgeChurch.org/get-together



THE GREAT AUTUMN RIDGE GET-TOGETHER!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10, 10AM - 3PM

ONE 10AM ALL-CHURCH SERVICE
"ROOTED IN CHRIST" - A MESSAGE BY G. JOHN STEER

11AM - 3PM EXTRAVAGANZA

FOOD TRUCKS	HOG ROAST
INFLATABLES	ART FAIR
LIVE MUSIC	GAMES
BUBBLE BALL	CLASSIC CARS
PETTING ZOO	AND MORE...

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES



STUDY THE BIBLE COVER TO COVER

32 week survey course starts September 21st

More information: LifeGroups@AutumnRidgeChurch.org

Pick up a brochure at the ministry table in the lobby.

Rooted in the Word Starts September 21st

Autumn Ridge is excited to partner with Village Schools of the Bible to offer an opportunity to become deeply rooted in God's word through a 2 semester, 32 week Bible survey course called *Cover to Cover*. Stop by the ministry table in the lobby for more information or Email: LifeGroups@AutumnRidgeChurch.org.

Congregational News

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Wanda Reese whose father died July 26.

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to June Langton whose brother, John Newell, died August 1.

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Beverly Thede and Kathy Robinson on the August 7 death of husband and father, Wayne Thede.

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Ronda McCully and her family on the death of her father.

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to the family of Cindy Kowalski who died August 7.

Giving to God's Work Last Week: \$ 80,438

MISSIONS THIS WEEK

Take advantage of your last opportunity to visit with Mark and Melissa B before they head back to Asia. They will be available in the lobby this weekend. Stop by their table, get to know them, and let them know you are praying for the work they do.

CHRISTOS BOOKCENTER

AUTUMNRIDGECHURCH.ORG/BOOKCENTER

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

Alive in Him: How Being Embraced by the Love of Christ Changes Everything ~by Gloria Furman, Forward by J. I. Packer

This heartwarming overview of Ephesians becomes an in-depth reflection capturing Paul's bounding enthusiasm for the majesty of Christ and his gospel. You will respond in wonder and praise to God.



You Are Free: Be Who You Already Are ~by Rebekah Lyons

Do you have questions about Jesus? With a healthy dose of wit and a heaping helping of wisdom, the author answers questions about Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and more.

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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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Executive Pastor
Pat Wester

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Karen Foster

Next Generations
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Woody Roland

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Paul McDonald

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