

Welcome to River Ridge!

If you have come as a visitor, we hope that you'll leave as a friend who's been blessed by worshiping God with us. We're glad you came and welcome you to join us again!

- To join a **Grow Group**, check our website to see the list of possibilities or speak to a pastor or to Jim Sedore, our Grow Group Coordinator.

Need WIFI? Select "RRCOV3", password is lovegrowserve

A note for parents:

A special welcome to you! We strive to be an intergenerational church, and strongly believe that children are gifts to be treasured.

- Please feel free to use the nursery during the service to meet the needs of your infants.
- During the entire service, nursery care for toddlers and classes for 3-4 year olds are offered but not required.
- Children's bulletins are available for young doodlers. You might want to sit at a table!
- K – 5th grade children are encouraged to come up for "Komments for Kids" during the worship, and then are invited to go to their own class for the remainder of the service.
- Middle School & High School students are invited to join the worship service. We believe that students have an important role in our church family.

All kids learn by example, so you are teaching them about worship.

If you are fired up about God, they will be too!

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday: 8 am—12 pm and 1 pm—3 pm
Fridays: 8 am - 2 pm

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At River Ridge Covenant Church, we believe that everyone is called to a lifelong, upward path of discipleship where we Love, Grow, Serve (repeat)



Sunday, December 10, 2017

10:00 am Worship Service

Offered throughout the services:

Infant/Toddler Nursery, and Mothers' Room

Dismissed from the main service after 'Komments for Kids':

3s—Pre K Class, Kids Club for K-2nd grades, Club 345 for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

Middle School & High School students participate in the main worship service.

How Will This Be?

Mary said YES as an act of trust

Pastor Brian Wiele

Luke 1:26-38

Worship Team: Mark Cook, Beverly Smith, Jim Sedore, Dan Smith, Gary Melhaff,

Bob Samuelson, Christian Ralston

**River Ridge**
Covenant Church

*People Transformed Into
Faithful Servants of Jesus Christ*

This Week's Spotlight

Sunday, December 10:

11:15 am (following worship) **Christmas Pageant Rehearsal**

Monday, December 11:

 (office closed)

6:00-7:00 pm **Monthly Prayer Night**

Tuesday, December 12:

6:30-8:00 pm **Middle School Ministry**

7:00-8:00 pm **Prayer**

Wednesday, December 13:

6:30-8:00 pm **High School Ministry**

Thursday, December 14:

1:00 pm **Second Family Christmas Tea**

6:30 pm **Church Council Meeting**

Friday, December 15:

6:45 am — **Men's Morning Bible Study at Cutters Point** (drop ins welcome!)

Saturday, December 16:

8:00 am **Feeding the Homeless**

9:00 am—noon **Christmas Pageant Rehearsal**



Pass the word...

Lemons to Lemonade

The Lemons to Lemonade Silent Auction is underway in conference room 1 (by the main entrance). Stop in to write your bid on the sheet that corresponds to the item of your choice. Bidding closes Dec. 17. The sales of these 'lemons' will help to fund RRCC youth ministry activities. Donations of your unwanted new or gently used items are still needed. Contact Pastor Dan.

Christmas Giving Opportunities

Gift tickets are available in the lobby December 10 for:

- **Truly Motivated Transitional Living (TMTL)** - a non-profit organization offering clean and sober housing to men and women in various stages of recovery. A gift tag for each resident will be in the lobby. Will you consider picking up a tag and buying a gift for one of the residents at TMTL? Questions? Contact Pastor Peg.
- **Meadows Elementary**—River Ridge Covenant Church will be partnering with Meadows Elementary School again this year to share our blessings. We will be focusing our efforts on gifts and clothing for children.

Year End Giving

Many people make year-end charitable contributions as part of their tax planning. As you do, please consider making a special contribution to your church; it is an investment in the work of the gospel directly in our community. We want to close out our fiscal year with strong reserves, and everyone can help with that! Just a reminder that for tax purposes all checks and electronic contributions must be dated **and** received by RRCC on or before December 31, 2017.

Upcoming RRCC Events

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

Sunday, December 10 following worship

AND Saturday, December 16, 9:00 am-noon

The Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 17 during worship. If your child would like to participate we need you to sign them up and commit to these two rehearsals. Adult volunteers are also needed. For more information contact Pastor Peg, or Linsey Lyons.

Monthly Prayer Night

Beginning December 11, at 6:00 pm

We'll have a time of corporate prayer the 2nd Monday of every month. We'll be praying for our church, our families and our communities. Come one, come all to the sanctuary at 6:00 pm.

Second Family Christmas Tea

Thursday, December 14, at 1:00 pm at the church

(note change of time and that this is not a luncheon)

The Christmas Tea will be led by Sue O'Leary. This event will involve a reading of the short story, "A Cup of Christmas Tea" while we share tea and cake. The cake will be provided but please bring your favorite tea cup. Disregard the previous request to bring cookies. Please join us for this time of fellowship and sharing of the blessings of the season. Friends and family are always welcome. We need to know what size cake to order so **RSVP as soon as possible to Hilda in the church office.**

Feeding the Homeless

Saturday, December 16

We will be joining Joyful Hands Ministries as they serve the homeless in downtown Olympia. We'll serve a hot breakfast and a bag lunch. Then we'll distribute toiletries and clothes. Everyone is welcome! Meet at the Youth Building at 8:00 am. We will return by 11:00 am. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan or Tressa Linn.

Sunday, December 24

• Morning Worship Service

10:00 am

We will have our normal Sunday worship, concluding our series *Saying Yes to God at Christmas*.

• Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

5:00 pm

Join us for this family-friendly service. We'll celebrate the birth of Christ by hearing the Christmas story, singing Christmas carols – some by candlelight – and a special message by Pastor Brian. After the service we'll have time for cookies and cider. *All children are welcome in the service.*

Church Office Closure

The church office will be closed the week after Christmas.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study (off for December)

New study— *Seamless* by Angie Smith—begins Tuesday, January 9, at 9:30 am in room 9

This seven session DVD study will walk us through the entire Bible, covering the people, places and promises of the Bible; tying them together into the greater story of scripture. The workbooks are \$14 each. Please **sign up in the lobby** to indicate that you plan to attend and whether or not you'd like Pastor Peg to order the workbook for you. Questions? Contact Pastor Peg.