

## 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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!*

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**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 24, 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.

**"Let's See for Ourselves"**

The shepherds acted on their knowledge

Pastor Brian Wiele

Luke 2:8-20

Worship Team: Beverly Smith, Joy Munson, Greg Eastman, Paul Minor-Weeks,  
Dan Smith, Jazy Siguencia, Chance Smith

**River Ridge**  
Covenant Church

*People Transformed Into  
Faithful Servants of Jesus Christ*

## This Week's Spotlight

### Monday, December 25: *Merry Christmas!*

The church office will be closed December 25-January 1.

### Tuesday, December 26:

No **Middle School Ministry**

7:00-8:00 pm **Prayer meeting** in conference room 3

### Wednesday, December 27:

No **High School Ministry**

### Friday, December 29:

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



## Pass the word...

**Cookie donations** are needed for the Candlelight Service tonight. Please bring cookies (homemade or store bought). Thanks!

### 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.**

**Scrip**—Scrip cards make great gifts! Check the scrip table in the lobby. When you purchase our cards, the River Ridge Kids Ministries get a percentage of the proceeds. It costs you nothing over the price of the card.

**Congregational emails**— If you are not currently getting our weekly email reminders, you can be added to the list by checking the designated box on the Yellow Connection Card in your bulletin or contacting the office. This email list is used to send out weekly reminders of upcoming events as well as the monthly newsletter. Questions? Contact Hilda in the office.

**Meal Train**—Meal Train is the tool we're using when someone in the RRCC church body is in need of assistance with meals for a short time. When meals are needed we send out 'invitations' via email, through Meal Train, to people who may want to help with providing a meal. If you'd like to receive the Meal Train emails please contact Pastor Peg Melhaff.

## Upcoming RRCC Events

### Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 24 at 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 this week, December 25-January 1

### Christmas UN-decorating

Saturday, January 6 at 10:00 am

We'll need help to take the Christmas decorations down and store them in the attic. Questions? Contact the church office.

### Monthly Prayer Night

January 8 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary

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. Everyone is welcome.

### 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.

### Needlers—Quilters: Next meeting Monday, January 8

Meeting the 2nd Monday and 4th Saturday from noon-4:00 pm

Our Quilters meet to make items for people with long-term illness or disabilities, new parents and local charities. Questions? Contact Pat Keeley or Rosalea Carslin.

### Second Family Potluck Luncheon

Thursday, January 11 at 11:30 am

Second Family is a group of RRCC adults who support each other as members of a family. Bring a favorite food and join us for good food and fellowship. Guests are always welcome! Questions? Contact the office.

### 3rd Annual Church Bake Sale—Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, January 21

Would you consider purchasing an overpriced baked good for a purpose? Would you consider donating a baked good or purchasing one? If you'd like to donate, please contact Pastor Dan.

### Feeding the Homeless

Saturday, January 27

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.