

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 18, 2016

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.

Living With Great Expectations

The gift of an inheritance

Pastor Brian Wiele

John 1:1-12

Worship Team: Bev Smith, Laurie Jones, Linsey Lyons, Alan Hamilton, Sherri Hamilton, Paul Minor-Weeks, Dan Smith, Roger Jones, Christian Ralston



Love - Grow - Serve (repeat)

We strive to be an intergenerational church of engaged, compassionate disciples. We'd love to serve you - and to serve with you!

This Week's Spotlight

Monday, December 19: (office closed)

Tuesday, December 20:

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

No **Middle School Youth Group**

7:00 pm **Prayer Meeting**

Wednesday, December 21:

No **High School Youth Group**

Friday, December 23:

6:45 am **Men's Bible Study at Hawks Prairie Cutter's Point** (drop-ins welcome)

Saturday, December 24:

5:00 pm **Candlelight Service**

Sunday, December 25:

Merry Christmas! No Sunday worship service. See you back Jan.1



Pass the word...

Your Year End Contributions are appreciated and greatly needed:

Just a reminder that for tax purposes all checks and electronic contributions must be dated **and** received by RRCC on or before December 31, 2016. If you have any questions please contact our Financial Secretary Paula Reiner.

Grow Groups

Grow Groups are small groups of RRCC attenders who meet in a home, generally once a week, to study together and build friendships. Check the upcoming January 2017 newsletter for a list of the Grow Groups. The new year is a great time to get connected to a group. If you need further information, contact our Grow Group Coordinator Jim Sedore. He'd be glad to help you find a group that fits for you.

Scrip Gift Cards—*Great for Christmas gifts!* Please consider purchasing Scrip cards in the lobby for your shopping needs or as gifts. 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. Questions? Speak to the person at the scrip table in the lobby.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

*New study beginning Tuesday, January 10, 2017
9:30-11:15 am at the church*

We'll be doing a 7 week DVD study of *The Gospel of Mark: The Jesus We're Aching For--* by Lisa Harper from Women of Faith. The books are \$15 and can be purchased from Peg. For more information contact Peg Melhaff in the office.

Upcoming RRCC Events

Lemons to Lemonade Silent Auction

In conference room 1 (by the main entrance)

Last chance to place your bids! Bidding closes at 11:45 am Dec.18, and high bidders will be notified. If you've placed a bid stay around to see if you have an item to pick up. All proceeds go to our Youth Ministries. High bidders who are not present will be contacted today. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan.

Children's Christmas Nativity Performance

Sunday, December 18th, the 4th Sunday in Advent

The children will again re-enact the nativity story during the service (during Komments for Kids). See today's bulletin insert for details.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, 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.*

Cookie donations are needed for the Candlelight Service. Bring cookies (homemade or store bought) on the night of the service, or drop them by during the week. They can be stored in the freezer as necessary. Questions? Contact the church office.

Christmas Day

There will be no worship service on Sunday, December 25.

We hope you have a wonderful morning of thanking God for his gift, and we'll see you back for worship on Sunday, January 1.

Church Office Closure

The church office will be closed the week following Christmas and will open again January 3rd.

Parents & Kids Play Day—next one January 6

1st & 3rd Fridays (not 5th Fridays), 10-11:30 am

We gather in the multipurpose/sanctuary for some great play-space for our preschoolers and enjoy some adult company. Invite other families & neighbors! Questions? Contact Peg Melhaff.

Needlers—Quilters: Starts up again January 9, 2017

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.

New Sermon Series

Starts January 15

This winter we'll have a sermon series on the Holy Spirit, and Pastor Brian is recommending a couple of books for you to consider reading over the holidays to get ready. If you need some motivation to pursue an effective, Holy Spirit-filled life, you'll appreciate *Forgotten God: Reversing our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit* by Francis Chan. If you're already motivated but need some practical instruction, a great book is *Spirit Rising: Tapping into the Power of the Holy Spirit* by Jim Cymbala, Pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle.