

## 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.

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### 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)



## Christmas Eve 2016

### 5:00 pm Worship Service

*Offered throughout the service:*  
Infant/Toddler Nursery, and Mothers' Room

And on Earth Peace...

The gift of Shalom

Pastor Brian Wiele

Luke 2:1-14

Worship Team: Sherri & Alan Hamilton, Justin Hamilton, Jack & Barbara Coult, Derek Stinson, Gary Melhaff



*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

### Saturday, December 24:

5:00 pm **Candlelight Service**

### Sunday, December 25:

**Merry Christmas!** No Sunday worship service.

See you back Jan. 1

**The Church office will be closed  
December 24—January 2**



*Merry Christmas*

**Sunday, January 1, 2017: 10:00 am Worship Service**

## Pass the word...

### Church Office Closure

The church office will be closed the week following Christmas and will open again January 3rd. We do have a 24/7 prayer line. Check the back of the bulletin for the number. If you need pastoral care during this time please contact Pastor Dan or Peg.

### 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**—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.

## Upcoming RRCC Events

### Christmas Day

There will be no worship service tomorrow, 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.

### 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.

### Men's Morning Bible Study

Fridays, 6:45-8:00 am at the Hawks Prairie Cutters Point (not meeting Dec. 30)

Winter is a great time to join in for a rousing discussion and some great coffee as we follow the same themes as we have during Sunday worship. Questions? Contact Pastor Brian or simply attend!

### 2nd Annual Church Bake Sale—Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, January 8

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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Youth Parent Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Youth Building

Parents are invited to come and meet with Pastor Dan for a discussion of the 2017 winter and spring ministry opportunities. We'll also have an interactive discussion of parenting challenges. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Dan by Sunday, Jan. 8.

### 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.

### Grow Group Leaders Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 6:00-7:00 pm in the conference room (rm. 1)

Questions? Contact Grow Group Coordinator Jim Sedore.