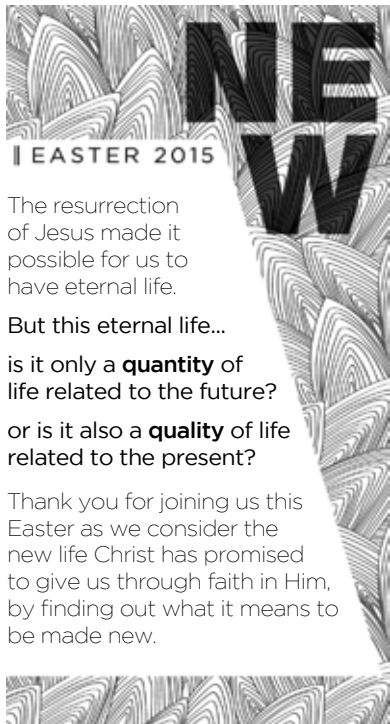


# welcome

## APRIL 4 & 5, 2015

Pastor Tim Haring



The resurrection of Jesus made it possible for us to have eternal life.

But this eternal life...

is it only a **quantity** of life related to the future?

or is it also a **quality** of life related to the present?

Thank you for joining us this Easter as we consider the new life Christ has promised to give us through faith in Him, by finding out what it means to be made new.

We're glad you are here! You're currently perusing our program, which holds information about what's going on around the Ridge. Should you want to know more, visit us online.

# upcoming



Food Drive  
Through April 12 | impacting our community



30 Hour Famine  
April 10 & 11 | students



Next  
April 11 & 12 | find your next step



We Believe  
April 12 | teaching tools for parents



Emerge Sunday  
April 12 | 18-25 year olds



In-Home Gatherings  
April 12, 19 & May 3 | single adults



Parent Works  
April 19 | speaker & conference



The Big Win  
April 25 & 26 | volunteer appreciation

# info

## EVENTS

### Food Drive

**When:** Now through April 12 in the lobby  
**What:** Did you know that Christian Help spent almost \$14,000 last year to purchase food for their pantry? Together, all of us at the Ridge can make a difference.  
**Details: BRING** non-perishable food items (we are specifically asking for canned meat, peanut butter, canned fruit and powdered milk) for Christian Help. **CONTRIBUTE** \$1 to help feed families in need, and **DONATE** toothpaste, toothbrushes & sandwich-sized sealable baggies to help prep for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

### Parent Works

**When:** April 19, at the Ridge  
**Details:** Craig Jutila, former children's and teaching pastor from Rick Warren's Saddleback Church, will be at the Ridge as a guest speaker. If you are a parent, grandparent, teacher, ministry leader or student, you will want to make plans to attend. All events will be FREE and open to the community.  
**More info:** Visit [theridge.church/parentworks](http://theridge.church/parentworks)

## KIDS

### We Believe

**When:** April 12, in the KidZone room after each service  
**What:** A 25-minute presentation giving parents the tools they need to talk to their kids about faith.  
**More info:** Visit [theridge.church/we-believe](http://theridge.church/we-believe)

## 18-25 YEAR OLDS

### Emerge Sunday

**When:** Sunday, April 12, at 12:15pm  
**Details:** FREE lunch, fun and social time in the Hub after the 11am service.

## THANK YOU

We're grateful to many for their help in preparing for Easter Services at the Ridge, including the many volunteers. We offer a special "thank you" to Lowe's, Dave Hefner, Dan Pauley, Chad Griffith, Brian Gibson, Paul Schaeffer, Chad Schaeffer and motionworks for the generosity of their time.

## SINGLES

### Mosaic In-Home Gatherings

**What:** Mosaic [adult singles], medium-sized groups which meet together for three weeks to begin building authentic friendships and taking steps toward being a part of a community environment.  
**When:** April 12, 19 and May 3, at 6:30pm  
**Register:** Visit [theridge.church/mosaic-gatherings](http://theridge.church/mosaic-gatherings)

## GROUPS

### Financial Short-Term Group

**When:** Wednesdays or Thursdays, beginning April 8 or 9, and continuing for 6 weeks, from 6:30-8pm  
**Details:** Using Crown Financial strategies, learn the fundamental Biblical principles of handling money and managing finances by applying God's wisdom.  
**More info:** Visit the kiosk in the lobby or go to [theridge.church/financial-short-term](http://theridge.church/financial-short-term)

## VOLUNTEERS

### The Big Win!

**When:** Save the date! Don't miss April 25 and 26!  
**What:** Volunteers at the Ridge are a part of "the big win" in everything we do. The three weekend services will be about recognizing our volunteers, and volunteers will be then be invited to join together on Sunday afternoon for a day at the new WVU ballpark.

## RESOURCES

**Renew Recovery** meets Monday evenings at 7pm in the Conference Room and provides an atmosphere of support for those who have struggled with a drug or alcohol addiction. For more information, please contact the church office, or visit [theridge.church/renew](http://theridge.church/renew).

## OFFERING

Your generosity makes it possible to impact our community, state and world for Christ! Give ONLINE at [theridge.church/give](http://theridge.church/give) or TEXT a dollar amount to 304-470-4078. If you're visiting with us, please don't feel an obligation to give.

# What's next?

**NEXT** is for everyone. If you are new to the Ridge, or if you've been attending here for 1, 2, 5, 8 or more years, it doesn't matter... NEXT is for you.

NEXT is a short presentation of the history, mission and strategy of the church. A CRC staff leader will explain why we do what we do, share opportunities for you to get connected or involved, and give you a chance to ask your own questions. If you want to learn more about the church, how you can be a part of it, or what your next step might be, check out NEXT.

**Plan to attend NEXT**, in the Conference Room, immediately following each of the services next weekend.

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## **Beginning a Relationship with God**

### **God's Plan - Peace and Life**

God loves you and wants you to experience His peace and life. The Bible says, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16

### **People's Problem - Separation from God**

Being at peace with God is not automatic because, by nature, we are separated from God. The Bible says our sins separate us from God. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* Romans 3:23

### **God's Remedy - The Cross**

God's love bridges the gap of separation between God and you. When Jesus Christ died on the cross, he paid the penalty for your sins. The Bible says, *"For Christ died for sins once and for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God..."* 1 Peter 3:18

### **My Response - Receive Jesus Christ**

You become a child of God when you receive Jesus Christ by personal invitation. The Bible says, *"But as many received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name."* John 1:12

### **Receiving Jesus Christ Means:**

1. Admitting your spiritual need. "I am a sinner."
2. Believing that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the only solution for your sin.
3. Receiving, by faith through prayer, Jesus Christ into your heart and life.