

welcome

April 25 & 26, 2015

TRUE GREATNESS

MESSAGE
Tim Haring

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

upcoming

	The Big Win This Weekend		volunteer appreciation
	Compassion Sunday May 2 & 3		sponsor a child
	In-Home Gatherings May 3		single adults
	MOPs 5-K May 9		5-K race & fundraiser
	Baby Dedication May 10		dedicate your child to God
	Worship on the Ridge May 24		concert at Chestnut Ridge Park, headlining the CRC worship band
	Night of Worship June 7		night of worshipping God

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EVENTS

Compassion Weekend

What: Compassion International is a Christian child advocacy ministry that helps release children from spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty.

When: On May 2 & 3

Details: you will have the opportunity to sponsor a child. Tables will be set up in the lobby. More info is available at theridge.church/compassion-weekend

Operation Christmas Child Yard Sale

What: Come out to support Operation Christmas Child! Shop the yard sale, where all proceeds will be used to purchase shoebox items in preparation for the upcoming packing party in November.

When: Saturday, May 2 from 7am-12pm in the CRC gym

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPs) 5-K Fundraiser

What: Run, trot, walk or gallop your way to the finish line in the ZOO-M! Cub Trot and 5K Stampede, sponsored by MOPs. Fun activities for kids including craft, kids "cub trot," and face painting. Bring the whole family! And dress the kids in animal costumes!

When: Saturday, May 9th. Race starts at 10am at JFK Memorial Park in Star City.

Register: zoom5k.eventbrite.com

KIDS

Baby Dedication

The Baby Dedication scheduled for May 10 is full. If you'd still like to have your baby dedicated, we encourage you to still register as soon as possible. We will sign your baby up for the next dedication, which is currently scheduled for November. If there are a enough families registered, we will hold an additional dedication over the summer.

Registration: theridge.church/baby-dedication

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: May 3 at 6:30pm

Register: Visit theridge.church/mosaic-gatherings

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FACILITIES AND TRAFFIC

At CRC, we do our best to create a well-maintained building, both inside and out, and to ensure that our guests are able to safely and timely exit our parking lot after services. This is only made possible with the help of our Facilities & Traffic volunteers. By volunteering to direct traffic, mow the grass, clean the building, or help with maintenance and repairs, you have the opportunity to show others in the church the love of our God. In just a couple hours a week, your service can make a huge impact! For more info about volunteering, contact Tom Clayton at tom.clayton@theridge.church or 304.594.0548.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Have you ever thought about using your talents for a career in ministry? We have the following position available:

Facilities: part-time person (2 to 3 days per week) who has maintenance and repair skills, minimum computer skills (or the willingness to learn), and would like to be a part of our facilities team.

Please complete the application at theridge.church/jobs

PASTOR SABBATICAL

This year marks the 30th year of ministry for Pastor Tim Haring. Therefore, the Board would like to give the Harings an opportunity to take a sabbatical from May through July. This will be a time of professional growth and personal refreshment.

Your prayers during this time will be appreciated as they slow down and learn new things. In addition, since the Board's encouragement to take the sabbatical came after budgeting for this fiscal year, we would like to ask you to consider giving a special offering to help cover the additional costs associated with travel, continuing education, consultations and replacement speakers. Your offering can be given on the website, or by check with "sabbatical" on the memo line.

OFFERING

Your generosity makes it possible to impact our community, state and world for Christ! Give ONLINE at 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.

THE BIG WIN VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEKEND

The Big Win is a special weekend to honor those who serve as volunteers at the Ridge.

The Ridge volunteers are a part of "the big win" in everything we do. The three weekend services will be about recognizing our volunteers. Volunteers are then invited to join together this Sunday afternoon at noon for a day of baseball and tailgating fun at the new WVU ballpark.

If you volunteer at The Ridge, come to our tailgate in the Premier parking lot for lunch and to get your game ticket. You can park there, too! For more info, visit theridge.church/volunteer-appreciation

Pictures of the event: We want to see your point of view throughout the event. Please take lots of pics and post them to social media using #TheBigWin and #ChestnutRidgeChurch

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Volunteer Appreciation Weekend

Relevant Environments: As a church, we want to create environments that are appealing, engaging, and helpful. We realize that God is the one who changes peoples' lives, but we can be a part of the story by creating settings that people are drawn to and love to come to.

Relational Evangelism: We believe that evangelism happens best in the context of relationships. We can be a part of reaching people by investing in our relationships with them, then inviting them to hear more about God and His story. We can be there alongside them as they take steps to grow.

Next Steps: We know that people are at different places in their spiritual growth. We also know that people grow by taking steps. So we are always looking for the best next step for someone to take, whether it's through serving or getting connected.

Strategic Service: We believe that God has given all of us talents and spiritual gifts. Our gifts have maximum impact when used in the context of our church strategy. We want people to be serving in their sweet spot and having a maximum impact in the way they are using their giftedness.

Intentional Apprenticing: As we serve in the church, it's our responsibility to intentionally apprentice others by passing on to them the knowledge, skills and opportunities that we've been given. As we serve, we want to invite others to be a part of what we're doing, asking them to serve alongside us so we can pass on what we've learned.

Authentic Community: We believe that spiritual growth and sustained life change happens best in the context of relationships. We don't just want people learning in rows, we want them sitting in circles, where they can be relationally connected. We want them to have authentic Christian community by experiencing accountability, belonging and care in a community group.

Lifetime Achievement: Sometimes there are people who serve quietly and faithfully behind the scenes, often for years and years without much notice or recognition. We consider these people unsung heroes, those who help make things possible at CRC.