

# welcome

## December 5 & 6, 2015

Love Came Down - Part 1

**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 The Ridge. Should you want to know more, visit us online at [theridge.church](http://theridge.church).

# upcoming

 **emerge** | Emerge 1st Sunday  
Dec. 6 | 12:15p | college students

 **DIVORCE Care** | Surviving the Holidays  
Dec. 9 | 6:30-8:30p | separated or divorced

 **next** | Next  
Dec. 12/13 | after services | take a next step

 **gift project** | Hoss Foundation Gift Project  
Dec. 12th - shop  
Dec. 13th - wrap  
Dec. 13th-19th - deliver | volunteers needed!

 **LOVE CAML DOWN** | Christmas Services  
Dec. 17 @ 7p  
Dec. 20 @ 9a & 11a  
Dec. 24 @ 3:30p & 6p | Christmas schedule

 **NO SERVICES**  
Dec. 26/27 | Christmas schedule

# info

## STUDENTS

### the Verge [5th graders]

**When:** Sunday mornings at 9 and 11 am

**Where:** dv8 room upstairs

**Details:** Games, music, and other interactive elements, as well as a video or live speaker who shares how God's truth connects to our everyday lives. Before & after, play air hockey, xbox, and hang out with friends. Visit [theridge.church/theverge](http://theridge.church/theverge) to stay up on what's happening in the Verge!

### dv8 [6th-8th graders]

**When:** Sundays at 9 & 11 am; Tuesdays 7-8:30 pm

**Where:** Sundays in the dv8 room; Tuesdays in the gym

**Details:** Visit [theridge.church/dv8](http://theridge.church/dv8) for more on what happens Sundays and Tuesday with dv8.

### Emerge 1st Sunday [college students]

**When:** Sunday, December 6th after the 11 am service

**Where:** The hub

**Details:** Emerge is having their 1st Sunday lunch Dec 6. Come to the hub after the 11am service to get free lunch, hang out, and get connected. They'll also have new information for you about some new things happening on campus next semester, so don't miss out!

## ADULTS

### Divorce Care: Surviving the Holidays

**When:** Wednesday, December 9 from 6:30-8:30pm

**Details:** Facing a holiday after a separation or divorce can be more difficult than your friends and family members may realize. We are offering a chance to "Find Help, Discover Hope and Experience Healing."

## VOLUNTEER

### Hoss Foundation Gift Project

Do you know someone who is in need this holiday season? Every year the Hoss Foundation assists children and families in Mon County facing hardships due to traumatic injury, illness, or financial crisis, which inhibits them from having the kind of holiday and Christmas every child and family deserves.

Do you want to help someone in need by shopping, wrapping, or delivering presents? Go to the kiosk in the lobby or to [app.hossfoundation.com](http://app.hossfoundation.com).

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be no services on the weekend of Dec. 26/27. After the busy Christmas season, we would like to provide an opportunity for attendees, volunteers, and staff to enjoy a "Sabbath weekend" with their families and friends. In this way, we will also show our appreciation to the hundreds of volunteers and staff who serve every weekend at The Ridge.

## JOB OPENINGS

Have you ever considered using your talents to join the team here at The Ridge?

**Kidz Crib Director:** part-time position to oversee our nursery ministry & create a welcoming environment for our littlest ones

Interested? Complete the application at [theridge.church/jobs](http://theridge.church/jobs).

## YEAR END GIVING

As you consider your year-end giving we hope you will consider giving here at the Ridge. Your year-end gift is extremely important to our mission of helping people grow in their relationship with God and others. Visit our website [theridge.church/give](http://theridge.church/give) to see the many ways that you can contribute.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2015 income tax returns until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. You may lose a deduction for some contributions if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church.

## 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?

If you are new to The Ridge, or even if you've been attending for a while, NEXT is a place for you to learn more about the church. It's a short presentation of the history, mission and strategy of the church. A 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.

NEXT takes place the **the second weekend of the month** in the HUB, immediately following each of the services.

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# Christmas at The Ridge

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Christmas is one of the most spiritual and inspirational times of year; a time when the world pauses to recognize a God moment. Do we know the real significance of what happened in that manger, and what it reveals about God? Is it possible our view of God is distorted, that it is based on fear, guilt and shame?

*What if God is so much more than we could ever imagine?*

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**Thursday, December 17 @ 7pm**  
**Sunday, December 20 @ 9 & 11am**  
**Thursday, December 24 @ 3:30pm & 6pm**

*\*No childcare for December 17th. Childcare provided for infants up to 24 months for December 20th and 24th services.*