

# welcome

*We're so glad you're here!* Welcome to Chestnut Ridge Church! These are the highlights of what's happening in and around The Ridge. Should you need assistance, please stop by the info kiosk, where you'll find helpful people ready to answer your questions.

You can find more events and info at [theridge.church](http://theridge.church).

## December 17 & 18, 2016

True Story - Part 4

## MESSAGE

Tim Haring

## MUSIC

Joy to the World  
Because He Lives  
The First Noel  
Great Are You Lord

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# around the ridge

## Celebrate Recovery

**dec 19** If you are feeling overwhelmed by your hurts, habits, and hang-ups, come to *Celebrate Recovery* for the final gathering of 2016. *CR* is open to the public, with childcare available, and resumes after the holidays on January 9. For more information, visit [theridge.church/celebraterecovery](http://theridge.church/celebraterecovery).

**When:** Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm

## Middle & High School Students

*Deviate* [grades 6-8] and *Wired* [grades 9-12] students, leaders and volunteers are taking the next few Tuesday nights off. See you on January 17, 2017!

## Starting Point

If you find yourself wondering about faith, God, forgiveness, Jesus or the Bible, or if you are giving church another try, then your curiosity deserves a conversation in a place where opinions and beliefs are valued, and no question is off limits. *Starting Point* could be the next step on your journey. Learn more at [theridge.church/startingpoint](http://theridge.church/startingpoint), or stop by the info kiosk this weekend.

## Job Opportunity at The Ridge

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you have a heart to help people connect with others, to serve in the church, and to serve in the community? Consider applying for a full- or part-time connections position here at The Ridge. Visit [theridge.church/jobs](http://theridge.church/jobs) for more information.

# serving spotlight

## Parking & Traffic Volunteers

Extra volunteers are needed to help with directing traffic for the Christmas services and into the new year. To take a Test Drive, stop by the info kiosk in the lobby, or visit [theridge.church/volunteer](http://theridge.church/volunteer).

## Sunday Evening Nursery Volunteers

The Ridge plans to add childcare to the new Sunday evening services, when there are enough volunteers to do so. If you love to cuddle babies, laugh with toddlers, and would consider serving others on Sunday evenings, take a Test Drive by visiting the info kiosk in the lobby, or [theridge.church/volunteer](http://theridge.church/volunteer).



## Christmas at The Ridge

Join us for *Christmas at The Ridge* on December 22, 23, and 24. Invite your friends and family for carols, humor, the gospel message and a candlelight service. For guests who are hearing impaired, sign language interpretation will be offered at the 6 pm service on Christmas Eve. You'll find more info at [theridge.church/christmas](http://theridge.church/christmas), and invite cards are available as you leave today.

## Holiday Schedule

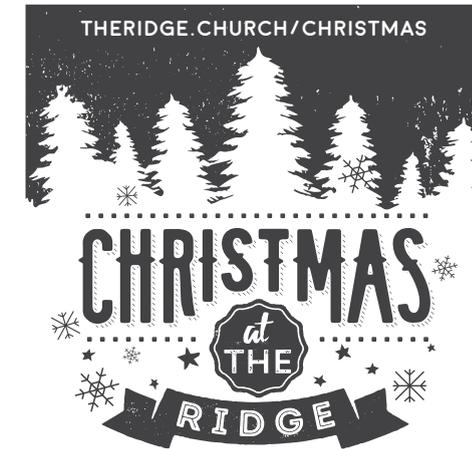
There will be **no services** on December 25. With the full Christmas season, The Ridge wants to provide an opportunity for attendees, volunteers, and staff to enjoy the holiday with their families and friends. There will be a family devotional available on Christmas morning at [theridge.church/devotional](http://theridge.church/devotional). Begin 2017 by joining us on Sunday, January 1, at 11 am or 5 pm.

## Time Change for Weekend Services

Beginning January 1, 2017, The Ridge launches the new year with a new time—a Sunday evening service at 5 pm, replacing the Saturday evening service. Join us New Year's Day at 11 am or 5 pm. Services will be Sundays (only) at 9 am, 11 am, and 5 pm, beginning the second weekend of January.

## End-of-Year Giving Info

Your year-end gift to The Ridge makes a difference in helping people grow in their relationship with God and others. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please remember, all gifts must be received on-site, online, or postmarked by Saturday, December 31, 2016. To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2016 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church in January 2017.



**D 22 - 6:30 PM**  
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**C. 24 - 3:30 & 6**

*\*No services on Dec. 25 or Dec. 31\*  
Sunday, Jan. 1 is 11 am & 5 pm only*

## offering

Your generosity is a part of impacting our community, state and world for Christ! TEXT a dollar amount to 304-470-4078, or give ONLINE at [theridge.church/give](http://theridge.church/give)

*Miss the offering?* You can drop your offering in the wall box near the elevator, or give via credit card at the info kiosk.

# TRUE STORY



During the Christmas season, we sing songs, exchange gifts and help the less fortunate—all because of a story about a baby born over 2,000 years ago. But is this just a story along the lines of the Easter bunny and tooth fairy, or did the events surrounding the birth of Jesus unfold as recorded in the gospel accounts?

This series explores some of the supporting characters of the Christmas story, who help to show that this is, indeed, a true story.