

welcome

We're so glad you're here, as Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year! It's a season for singing Christmas carols, exchanging Christmas cards and gifts, hanging colorful lights on houses and trees, attending after-work parties and enjoying Christmas Eve services.

But *why?* Why do we celebrate Christmas? What does it reveal about God and his amazing plan for humanity? Today, we'll join together to enjoy a heart-warming service with music, laughter and a message answering the biggest question of all: *why?*

December 22, 23 & 24, 2016

Christmas at The Ridge

MESSAGE

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around the ridge

Welcome to Chestnut Ridge Church!

This program contains the highlights of what's happening in and around The Ridge. Should you need assistance, please stop by the info kiosk in the lobby, where you'll find helpful people ready to answer your questions. You can find more events and info at theridge.church.

Starting Point

Are you giving church another try? Do you find yourself wondering about faith, God, forgiveness, Jesus or the Bible? 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, or stop by the info kiosk in the lobby.



A Place for Kids

 *Ridge Kids* has a place for every child. Meeting during both Sunday morning services, *Ridge Kids* provides fun, safe, loving and age-appropriate places for your children to interact and begin growing in their relationship with God and other kids.

- Nursery—birth to 24 months
- Preschool—2-5 year olds
- Elementary—K-4th grade

A Place for Students & Young Adults

As students mature, experience life change and move into adulthood, the value of experiencing community, having fun, being able to discuss faith, and finding a place to ask questions in a changing culture is important.

- Verge—5th grade
- Deviate—6-8th grade
- Wired—9-12th grade
- CRC Campus—college-aged students

A Place for Community & Life's Moments

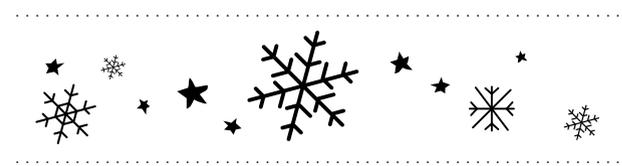
The Ridge has a place for adults through every season of life. Sustained life change happens best in the context of community.

- Short-Term Groups—women, men, parents & couples
- Mosaic [singles]—unmarried adults
- Celebrate Recovery—hurts, habits & hangups
- Divorce Care—divorce or separation
- Grief Share—loss of a loved one
- Crown & Financial Peace—biblical truths & finances

A Place for Partnership

As we grow in our relationships with God and others, together, we begin to gather, connect, serve, give and invite others to be a part of what's happening at The Ridge. Together, we are the future of the church and the community around us!

- Serving—theridge.church/volunteer
- Partnering—theridge.church/membership



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.

Candlelight Service

One of the highlights of the Christmas services is the candle lighting. Flame candles are for ages 13 and up. For safety purposes, flameless candles are provided for children under 13. We ask for your caution—for fingers, coats and seating—with hot wax, and that you recycle all candles by placing them in the bins as you exit.

Upcycled Star Ornament

Feeling crafty? Keep your program, and use it to create an upcycled, Christmas star ornament! Please see the back of the program, and visit theridge.church/star for instructions on how to make your ornament. Show it off—take a quick picture, post it on social media, and tag us! #imcrafty

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. 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.



upcoming

theridge.church/events



Dec 22 & 23 || 6:30 pm
Dec 24 || 3:30 & 6
Dec 25 || **no services**



New Year's Day Services
Jan 1 || 11 am & 5 pm



2017 Service Times
Jan 8 || 9 am, 11 am, 5 pm



Orientation
Jan 8, 15, 22



Night of Worship
Jan 27

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

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