

from the Heart

What great services we had this past Sunday as we focused our attention on praising the Lord. The focus on praising the Lord, the music and participation of church members made this a memorable time of worship. I am thankful for each of our participants. And, “thanks” for the great comments you gave me this week.

Here are a few:

“I thought I wouldn’t like it, but I loved it.”

“The devotional was a great help all week.”

“Great to see so many people participating”

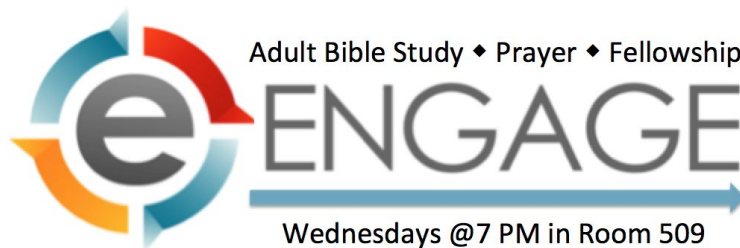
“Let’s do this again.”

“The whole service was such a blessing”

“Want you to know that the service today was awesome.”

“Thank you for providing the teaching on Praise and Worship”

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And, we continue to have great interaction and discussion on Wednesday evenings in our ENGAGE group. This past week, we discussed an article by our SBC president Ronnie Floyd, concerning the Christian response to the current political climate. His suggestions:

- 1- Keep everything in perspective. God is in control!
- 2- Be involved in the process. Pray, discuss, vote!
- 3- Watch what you say and how you say it.
- 4- Refuse to be categorized as “evangelical.”
- 5- Pray for God to raise up His next leader for our nation.

We will continue our discussion for a couple more weeks before changing gears. Come on and join us even if you have not been before. Snacks and Fellowship provided!

Life After Death!

You will want to notice all the Easter activities going on at Ridgecrest. I want to encourage you to use these events as an outreach opportunity to invite friends, co-workers, fellow students, family, neighbors, and any others to participate with you. Easter is a great time to introduce someone to the Christian faith.

- Message Series: Beginning this Sunday, I will be preaching a series of messages from 1 Corinthians 15 that I am calling, "Life after Death".
- The Lord's Supper. We will continue our tradition of celebrating the Lord's Supper on Friday before Easter at 7:00 PM. This is the day Jesus was crucified and buried. We remember His sacrifice for us and it's meaning in our lives as we worship.
- Baptism on Easter Sunday at 10:30! Join us in the Worship Center for this greatest of celebrations on the greatest day of celebration! If you are already present for the 9:30 service, be prepared to welcome others for the baptism. If you are coming to the 10:45 service, come a little early and join us. Be prepared to say "Amen" and clap as we celebrate new life in Jesus Christ!

Don't forget to cheer for our own Katie Basden on "The Voice"! Her audition will be shown this week.

I am so thankful that God is so good to me and you. Let's make sure the whole world knows!

Pastor Marc