

from the Heart

605 – Wow!!

What a great Easter celebration at Ridgecrest!

Our Friday night Lord's Supper service was very well attended and meaningful.

The Saturday morning Children's Easter Egg-stravaganza was fun for all with lots of inflatables, kids, and eggs, as well as lots of compliments for our church and children's program.

Sunday morning was amazing! Great attendance in SSCG and worship. And, to look out from the baptistry and see a full house, people standing along the walls, and even more in the lobby was a great encouragement and testimony to the importance and celebration of new life in Jesus!



As I entered the gym for our 10:45 service, the 400 regular seats were full and our ushers were putting out our 100 chairs we keep in reserve. When those ran out, our guys went up the hallway pulling chairs from classes. They also brought in the tall chairs from the fellowship hall. When all was said and done, we had 605 chairs in the gym for our worship service!! They weren't all full, but pretty close! Thanks to our ushers for a great job, and thanks for your

cooperation as we met this need. When we have large crowds like that, it is essential that we stand ready to warmly welcome every person and make sure they feel at home! We also need to be aware of needs with Parking, Greeting, Childcare, and guests needing information. Between worship attendance, Preschool and Children, I'm guessing that we may have had more than 1,000 people on our campus on Sunday!

LIFE After Death

Message Series: I am continuing to preach a series of messages from 1 Corinthians 15 that I am calling, "Life after Death". This Sunday we will explore the <<<< **Impact** >>>> that the Resurrection continues to have in the lives of people, including me and you!



Pastor Marvin, Sally, Pastor Marc Louis, Katie

Thank you also for your warm welcome to the Hispanic church, La Cosecha, who are meeting in our facilities for at least a few weeks. Our deacons, ushers, greeters, and members made them feel welcome last Sunday. Keep up the good work in the future. We are praying that God is going to meet the need for a Hispanic outreach to our soccer friends on Sunday, as well as for the Hispanic community living in northern Durham.

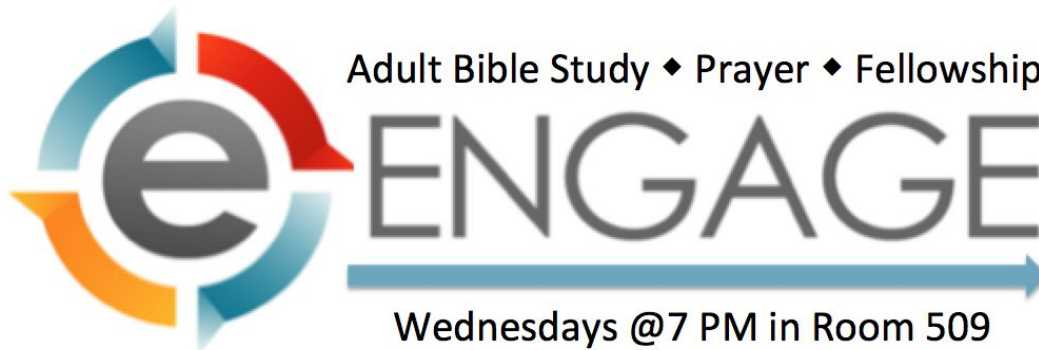
On the horizon: Growth Intensives, Laughter & Latte, Senior Adult recognition, Mother's Day, church night at the Durham Bulls, Memorial Day weekend fellowship & so much more.

There is something here for each member of your family – as well as your friends and family who are searching for a church home, and / or who may not know Jesus.



Don't forget to cheer for our own Katie Basden on "The Voice"! Katie sings with our Exalt band during our 10:45 service on Sundays when she is available. Pray for God to use Katie for His glory!

Join Us Wednesday!!



New Series starting THIS Wednesday, April 6!!

During his time overseas, Craig Phelps developed a discipleship series to lay a biblical foundation for believers, new and old alike. In it he brings together key ideas in the Old and New Testament which provide a unique insight and understanding of God's plan for our lives and how that plan unfolds in the Bible. Craig will be leading this series and will provide you with a framework for greater understanding of the rest of the Bible, enhancing your personal study, and hopefully impact how you view your daily walk with the Lord and your interaction with other people. Everyone is invited to attend.

Let's make sure the whole world knows!

Pastor Marc