



Ridge Digest

February 1, 2023

Jonathan Howard will begin ministry at Ridge as Associate Pastor on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. I am excited to welcome Jonathan to our ministry team at Ridge. I hope you had the opportunity to meet Jonathan, Kate, and their daughter Evie as they worshiped with us on January 22. Jonathan brings a wealth of experience to the Ridge team. In addition to serving most recently as the Youth Director at Crozet Baptist Church, he has worked in education as a teaching assistant in Physical Education at Brownsville Elementary School in Crozet, as a chaplain and teacher at the Regents School of Charlottesville, as executive pastor of Portico Church in Charlottesville and in both the legal and technical fields. I have been impressed with Jonathan's warm heart, approachable nature and passion for the ministry of the church. Once Jonathan gets settled in, I hope you will take the opportunity to get better acquainted with him and his family as they become part of the Ridge family.

Transitions offer both opportunities and challenges for us. I am excited to have a fresh set of eyes working with us to see the ways in which God can use us to build his kingdom in our community. It is always good to have additional perspectives on how we can be effective ministers for Christ. It will certainly be a blessing to have someone to share the daily ministry opportunities so that I can devote more time to being engaged in the community. At the same time, we will be getting acquainted with a new staff minister who brings a different personality, different gifts and different strengths than other ministers who have gone before. As I have said in entering new ministry opportunities in the past, "I am neither better nor worse than those who have preceded me...I am new and different." Pray for Jonathan as he settles in here at Ridge; pray for Ridge as we get to know him; pray with gratitude to God for the great things that will happen as we follow the Lord's leadership.

During this month we will be entering into the season of Lent. Melinda and I plan to be observing part of that season in the place where the events of the last days of Jesus' earthly ministry took place. It will be amazing to read the stories of Christ's ministry in the land where those stories actually took place! Because we will miss two Sundays during the Lenten season as we travel to Israel, I will not be preaching a specific series of sermons this year. I am working on a specific sermon series that I hope to share with you for the time between Easter and Pentecost this year.

Financial Health

Ministry Stewardship

To Date Giving: \$19,580.41

To Date Budget Requirement: \$24,377.01

Weekly Online Presence:

SUNDAYS:

9:30 Sunday Morning Worship Service - in person; Facebook Live and YouTube

WEDNESDAYS:

10am Morning Bible Study with Alan Ray (ray5778@gmail.com)

May God Bless You on Your Birthday...

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

2/1- Mary Helmick	2/12- Kristi Perez
2/2- Cheri Morrell	2/12- Joyce Ford
2/2- Austin Weiss (18)	2/14- Pat Godfrey
2/3- Bryson Fernald (13)	2/15- Betty Foster
2/5- Rhonda Evington	2/16- Harper Blevins
2/7- Mallorie Duenckel (9)	2/16- Ben Hightower
2/8- Joyce Abbott	2/20- Julie Charreun
2/8- Madelyn Lamm (14)	2/23- Jackson Smith (17)
2/8- Eric Ownby	2/25- Cain Herndon
2/9- Carrie Finch	2/28- Hannah Holt
2/10- Jessica Mayer	2/28- B.J. Noel

Walk Through the Bible...

Feb. 1	Exodus 27-28; Matthew 18:1-20	Feb. 15	Leviticus 19-20; Matthew 25:31-46
Feb. 2	Exodus 29-30; Matthew 18:21-35	Feb. 16	Leviticus 21-23; Matthew 26:1-35
Feb. 3	Exodus 31-32; Matthew 19: 1-15	Feb. 17	Leviticus 24-25; Matthew 26:36-56
Feb. 4	Exodus 33-34; Matthew 19:16-30	Feb. 18	Leviticus 26-27; Matthew 26:57-75
Feb. 5	Exodus 35-36; Matthew 20:1-16	Feb. 19	Numbers 1-2; Matthew 27:1-31
Feb. 6	Exodus 37-38; Matthew 20:17-34	Feb. 20	Numbers 3-4; Matthew 27:32-66
Feb. 7	Exodus 39-40; Matthew 21:1-22	Feb. 21	Numbers 5-6; Matthew 28
Feb. 8	Leviticus 1-3; Matthew 21: 23-46	Feb. 22	Numbers 7; Mark 1:1-15
Feb. 9	Leviticus 4-5; Matthew 22:1-14	Feb. 23	Numbers 8-10; Mark 1:16-45
Feb. 10	Leviticus 6-8; Matthew 22:15-45	Feb. 24	Numbers 11-12; Mark 2:1-13
Feb. 11	Leviticus 9-10; Matthew 23	Feb. 25	Numbers 13-14; Mark 2:14-28
Feb. 12	Leviticus 11-13; Matthew 24:1-31	Feb. 26	Numbers 15-16; Mark 3:1-12
Feb. 13	Leviticus 14-15; Matthew 24:32-51	Feb. 27	Numbers 17-18; Mark 3:13-35
Feb. 14	Leviticus 16-18; Matthew 25:1-30	Feb. 28	Numbers 19-21; Mark 4

Prayer Concerns:

Members at Home:

Steve Bider
Cheryl McCartney
Betty Foster

Jan Jones
Thelma Ford
Bob Mahone

Members in Hospital or Healthcare:

Phyllis Benner
Mae Callaham
Pat Godfrey
B.J. Noel
Irene Taylor

Mary Jane Cook
Trudy English
Audrey "Kay" Meyers
Judy Dzarnowski
Sue Douglas
Michael Gleason

Friends of Ridge

Zlatko Buckoski (North Macedonia)
Helen Fitzgerald (P. Mahone)
Bobby Stallworth (E. Stewart)
David (R. Peed)
Kevin Isom (D. Isom)
David Isom

Pray for a relative (M. Gleason)
Jimmy McNamara (B. Gleason)
Joy Jones (B. Rahmlow)
Nelson Santana (B. & H. Johnson)
Laura Nixon (P & B Coffman)
Sherrie & Grace Holliday (C. & P. Woolard)

We extend our Christian love and our deepest sympathy to Sarah Kinney in the passing of her father, Douglas Kinney and the Blevins family (Frankie, Lynn, Harrison and Harper) in the passing of Fankie's mother, Margaret Blevins.

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Reg Wed. Sch.	2	3	4 7:30pm- Arabic Prayer Service (Chapel)
5 Reg. Sun. Sch. VME Meeting · 1:00 – 4:30pm Handbell Rehearsal · 1:00 – 2:00pm	6	7 WMU Meeting · 1:30 – 2:30pm	8 Reg Wed. Sch.	9	10	11 7:30pm- Arabic Prayer Service (Chapel)
12 Reg. Sun. Sch. Communion	13	14 Richmond Gem and Mineral Society · 6:30 – 9:30pm	15 Reg Wed. Sch.	16 USToo Meeting 7:00 – 10:00pm	17	18 7:30pm- Arabic Prayer Service (Chapel)
19 Reg. Sun. Sch. Deacon Mtg. 3:00 – 4:00pm	20 Presidents' Day (Washington's Birthday)	21	22 Reg Wed. Sch.	23	24	25 7:30pm- Arabic Prayer Service (Chapel)
26 Reg. Sun. Sch	27	28				

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Rev. Alan Ray, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Lindsay Ray, *Minister for Students* Mr.

Robert Blaylock, *Media Director* Mr. Robert

Coffman, *Music Ministry Director* Mrs.

Phyllis Coffman, *Church Accompanist* Ms.

Deanna Janss, *Financial Secretary*

Weekly Schedule Online:

Sundays:

Worship Live Stream at 1:00pm

(Facebook and YouTube)

Wednesdays:

Morning Bible Study with Alan Ray @ 10
a.m.

Weekly In Person Schedule:

Sundays:

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship in the
Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. Morning Fellowship in the CLC

11:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study

Wednesdays:

5:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship in the Youth
Center

6:15 p.m. Evening Bible Study in CLC with
Alan Ray

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the
Choir Room