



RIDGLEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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AUGUST, 2025

(US and Canada)

Topic: Ridglea Worship Service

Time: 10:30 AM Central Time

August 3, 2025 10:30 a.m.

August 10, 2025 10:30 a.m. Rally Day

August 17, 2025 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon

August 24, 2025 10:30 a.m.

August 31, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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**We will celebrate the
sacrament of Communion
Sunday morning,
August 3, 2025**

Mission/Vision statement

Following our Savior's example,
Ridglea Presbyterian Church
strives to perform
acts of compassion
and inclusivity
in our daily lives
while seeking to grow
in spirit and hope.

ECLECTIC CAFE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

**Eclectic Café Zoom meeting ID: 915 2396
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Lynne Payne will lead the class on
August 3 as we look at Extravagant
Generosity from the book 5 Practices of
Fruitful Congregations.

August 10 is Rally Day and we hope
everyone will come and participate in the
Trivia Game in the Sanctuary.

August 17 Judy Humphrey will lead a
study of Paul's shorter letters.

Look forward to seeing everyone.

"THE GATHERING"

The Gathering, our multigenerational Sunday
school class led by Paul Duncan, is
starting a DVD lesson series on the Book of
Psalm, August 17. The DVD lessons are short to
allow plenty of time for discussion. All are
welcome to attend!



Youth Sunday School will
resume on August 17th.

AUGUST NEWSLETTERS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

SESSION MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
AUGUST 21, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

A Grand Time



In the spring our confirmation class gathered at Camp Carter, where we shared food, fellowship, and fun for a handful of hours. The Christian Education committee, and Emily E., our Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, had put together a wide array of opportunities for conversations and activities, including tie-dying t-shirts.

All of us – students, mentors, and staff – had blank shirts that were prepared ahead of the retreat (thanks to Emily) and after some careful instructions and demonstrations, we spent about an hour rolling, twisting, binding, and dying our shirts, and then carefully secured them, happy to know that after a couple of days (long enough for the dyes to do their thing) Emily would rinse and complete the process for all of us. A week or so later I got to peek at the shirts before Emily distributed them to everyone.

Each of the shirts were unique, and I thoroughly enjoyed the creativity, the artistry, and the uncertainty involved in tie-dying. I enjoyed it so much that, when our granddaughter was planning to visit us in July, I suggested that we try to tie-dye some shirts, and she agreed. So, I bought some shirts, and some tie-dye kits, and made sure that we had a big-enough drop cloth.

We chatted about designs and colors, we prepared and carefully applied the various dyes, and when we started rinsing out the first couple of shirts, one of hers had unwanted, unplanned, unsightly black splotches. Oh no, oh no, oh no, I said over and over. I felt really bad, because it was a silly mistake that could've been avoided and all that time and effort seemed wasted. I must have said how frustrated and how sorry I was a handful of times, and our granddaughter said, calmly, over and over, that "it's a choice, Grandad, it's a choice."

At first I thought she was talking about the shirt, the smudges, the errors made in how the dyes were applied, but then I realized what she was really saying – that my frustration, my disappointment, my negative reaction was a choice I was making. I was choosing to experience this mistake as only negative, instead of as a small, learnable, unfortunate incident.

Of course she was right. After I was done fussing, and after I thanked her for helping me to relax, we finished up and moved on to other things, slipping back into our roles of goofy grandparent and eye-rolling grandchild.

But I couldn't help thinking, and reflecting, and appreciating, what a blessing she embodied in those few tender moments, each of us with a handful of wet shirts, each of us seeing the same thing from different perspectives. The blessing of unexpected grace, of unexpected wisdom, of unexpected patience.

Sometimes our expectations are so routine, so ingrained, so familiar, that we slide right past the blessings of people around us, which almost happened with our granddaughter. I was trying to take on the responsibility for the ugliness, the mistakes, the disappointment; I was trying to make room, and give permission for her to be disappointed. It seemed like the adult, the grandparent thing to do, right? And I almost slid right past, almost mistook her patience for a lack of interest, almost ignored her young-at-heart wisdom. I am so glad that I stopped long enough to pay attention.

She went home with a handful of tie-dyed shirts, and some of them turned out really cool. And I learned – again – that blessings often arrive in unexpected ways.



Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Roger".

Making contact...

Ridglea Presbyterian Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is governed by the Session, an elected body composing of elders and pastors. Our committees, led by elders, oversee our ministries. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. Email: Clerk@RidgleaPres.org. Our deacons oversee our ministries of care and compassion. Email: Deacons@RidgleaPres.org

RPC SESSION

Class of 2026

Beth Duncan
Shiryl Gillaspie
George Tischler
Reeve Van Nostrand

Class of 2027

Paul Morrison
Marji Raunikar
Mary Beth Sisolak-Wagner
Becky Williamson

Class of 2028

Mark Gottschalk
Ryan Keating
Jody Maas
Marsha West

Clerk of Session: Karen Landon

RPC TRUSTEES

Class of 2026

Reeve Van Nostrand

Class of 2027

Paul Morrison

Class of 2028

Jim Godfrey

2025-2026 RPC DEACONS

Lynne Payne - Moderator
Kit Van Nostrand—Home Member Care Coordinator
Jean Godfrey – Funeral Reception Coordinator
Glenna Cleworth
Jane Johnson
Diane Keller
Jo VanOosterhout

RPC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 2025

Ken Kibler

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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

CHILDREN AND YOUTH AUGUST 2025 CALENDAR						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
 RALLY DAY 9:15 - 10:15  Fellowship Luncheon  Back to School Bash at the Trampoline Park 12 - 2 PM	FWAFA, 1st Day of School 	FWISD 1st Day of School 	Aledo, WSISD 1st Day of School 	CTHS, SCS 1st Day of School 	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARE INVITED TO

Back to School Bash

@ Altitude Trampoline Park

AUGUST 24TH FROM 12 - 2 PM
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
PLEASE RSVP TO EMILY BY AUGUST 17TH

- FOAM PIT
- RACING ZIP LINE
- CLIP N' CLIMB
- WIPEOUT
- SUPER TRAMPOLINE
- EXTREME DODGEBALL
- PERFORMANCE TRAMPOLINE
- TAMPOLINE BASKETBALL
- HIGH -9 REACTION WALL
- BATTLE BEAM

INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH-WIDE

Rally Day 2025

SUNDAY • AUGUST • 10TH • 9:15-10:15

JOIN US FOR A FUN MORNING OF MUSIC, FELLOWSHIP, AND CHURCH TRIVIA!! IT'S TIME WE GET EXCITED ABOUT ALL RIDGLEA HAS TO OFFER!

CHURCH TRIVIA WILL START AT 9:30 IN THE SANCTUARY!



REMINDER

**THERE IS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUTH DURING THE
SUMMER. SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL
START BACK UP ON AUGUST 17TH!**

**ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!
RALLY DAY WILL BE
AUGUST 10TH !**

DINNER AND LUNCH WITH FRIENDS JULY 12, 2025



Paul Morrison, Sue Guthrie, Lynne Payne, Jo VanOosterhout (host), Chris Shahan and Luanne Morrison

Jane and Roger Blair, Thylis Chambless, Bob and Marsha West (host)



COME JOIN US!

Dinner or Lunch With Friends

The Fellowship Committee is bringing some changes to Dinner With Friends. For 2025, we will coordinate Dinner With Friends once per quarter, on the following dates:

Saturday, January 4th
Saturday, April 5th
Saturday, July 12th
Saturday, October 4th

We are also looking at some ways to change up the format — so stay tuned.

Please remember, if you attended or hosted, send pictures to the church office for the Newsletter.

Mathew 25 Action Team Book Club



September 23 **THE VANISHING HALF** by Britt Bennett Fiction about two black twins who separate as teenagers. One leads life as white person & one as a black person. Marsha West, leader

October 28 **MY DOCUMENTS** by Kevin Nguyen Fiction based on real life events from Japanese incarceration to Vietnam War to modern day immigrant detention. Johanna Jones, leader

November 18 (3rd Tuesday because of Thanksgiving) **THIS IS HOW IT ALWAYS IS** by Laurie Frankel Fiction about a family with a trans kid. Sue Guthrie, leader

January 27 **THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS** by Isobell Wilkerson Fiction tells the story of 3 people who leave their former lives in the hope of making it. Lynne Payne, leader

February 24 **PARABLE OF THE SOWER** by Octavia E. Butler Fiction tells the story of a fifteen-year-old with a debilitating sensitivity to others' emotions. Thylis Chambless, leader

March or April (depending on when PWR Retreat is) **WHO IS GOVERNMENT? THE UNTOLD STORY OF PUBLIC SERVICE** by Michael Lewis & others. Non-fiction. Stories of real people who work for the government. Leader Melissa Burkhead & others. This book study may take two months.

Marsha West

Mathew 25 Action Team Opportunities to Serve



Quail Trail: Friday, August 15 we'll help with TAFB distribution from 9:15 to about 10:45. On August 26, we have the Birthday Celebration at 11:00.

RITI Friday, August 15 6 pm Room In The Inn at Ridglea Christian Church helping with dinner and visiting with the guests (men who are without homes). We had a wonderful experience in July. If you're interested in working with us on this, please contact Marji Raunika. We expect to do two dinners during the winter.

Thursday, August 7 7 pm. Movies That Matter at The Modern. "Here. Is. Better." About veterans with PTSD. These movies have always been thought provoking. Dinner before has always been fun. Meet at 5:30 at McAllister's on Camp Bowie. Let Marsha know if you plan to attend either the dinner and movie or just the movie or just the dinner.

At the Tuesday, July 22 Matthew 25 Action Team meeting we selected books for the next year. See list.

All are welcome to any of these activities.

"When you do it unto the least of these my brothers, you do it unto me." Matthew 25:40.

Marsha West

Matthew 25 Action Team

Did You Know?

That the Home Owner's Loan Corporation (HOLC), a New Deal program refinanced over a million homes, and issued low-interest loans to millions of new home owners except for the people living in zones of a city, typically marked on a map as a "red-zone"? These areas where Black, Jewish, and Catholics lived were deemed "hazardous" and "declining" by the National Association of Real Estate Brokers. The practice of denying credit based on race, ethnicity, or religion is known as "redlining".

This QR code (for phone apps) will direct people to our Realm portal for online giving; a Realm account will need to be created, though it is very simple to do.



Many of us know the blessings of having fellow church members pray for us and others. Prayer Request items are distributed to a list maintained by PWR. Anyone who would like to be added to this distribution list should call the Church office. Anyone who has a prayer request can send the information to Ruth Ann Rinewalt at r.rinewalt@att.net.



We need ushers, communion servers, and liturgists for Sundays during the 2024 year of worship. Please volunteer to help with the Sunday morning worship service. Also, if you signed up for a particular Sunday and something comes up, please contact Durinda Walker at 817-229-9880 in order to fill those positions.

Sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49a4ae2ea3f85-ushers1>

Remember Our Home Members



On the first and second Sunday of each month, beautiful note cards will be available for RPC members to send to our "Home" members. Following worship service, these cards will be in white baskets in the Narthex on a first come basis.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH



The RPC Women are collecting quarters in the Narthex after service every second Sunday of the month to assist Westaid.

Are you interested in membership at
Ridglea Presbyterian Church?
Contact Pastor Roger for all the deets and FAQ's.



a new
church
for you
to call
home

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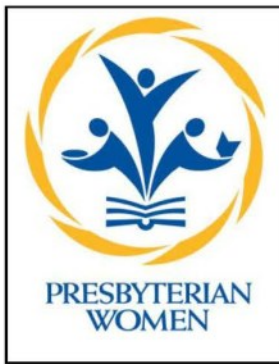


Wednesday mornings
8:30 a.m.
Central Market– Upstairs

The men's prayer breakfast has been a vital part of Ridglea's mission and ministry for decades. We enjoy a hearty breakfast and pray for people and events around the world.



The Jam Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday in the Sanctuary from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Lots of bluegrass, folk, Americana and country music is shared with acoustic (unamplified) instruments. Musicians of all skills are encouraged!



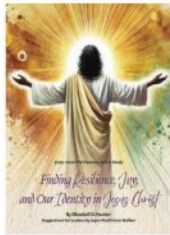
Just Bring It –August 2025: We are collecting personal items for the newly housed residents of the New Leaf Apartment Complex, which is run by the Presbyterian Night Shelter (like Quail Trail Apts.). PWR is also collecting items for WestAid and Quail Trail Apartments on an ongoing basis: toiletry items (shampoo, soap, deodorant, wet wipes, etc.), sanitary products, and pet food. Please place items in the labeled box located near the office.

Looking Ahead:

August 12th: We have been invited to attend the Westminster Presbyterian PWR Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in their Fellowship Hall (7001 Trail Lake Drive, 76133). Docents from DAR will be speaking about

needlepoint in early times. They are asking that those attending bring any handmade work (needlepoint, quilting, embroidery, crochet, knitting, sewing, etc.). You will have the opportunity to talk about your piece. Please RSVP to Katrina Little by August 10th. Lunch will be provided.

August 27th: The annual Horizon Bible Study author presentation will be at First Presbyterian Church at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person for lunch. Reservations are due by August 11th. Contact your Circle leader or Mac Zimmerman for more information. Carpooling is available.



The 2025-2026 Horizon's Bible Study Guide:

***Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by Rhashell D. Hunter**

In this Bible study, we will explore resilience. This is modeled for us by several biblical characters, gospel and epistle writers, as well as Jesus. The Bible study is also about joy. How do we find joy in a chaotic world? Christian joy may be different from how a lot of people define joy. We will also seek to rediscover our identity.

Photos below – Presbyterian Women of Ridglea had three members attend the Synod of the Sun PW Gathering in Fayetteville, AR July 23-26. “Our Joy is in Christ” was the theme.

Activities included worship, workshops, a 2025-2026 Bible Study overview, and trips to Crystal Bridges Museum of Art and the Fayetteville Farmers Market. The PW Synod of the Sun represents the four-state region of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.

The next synod gathering will be August 2028 in San Antonio.



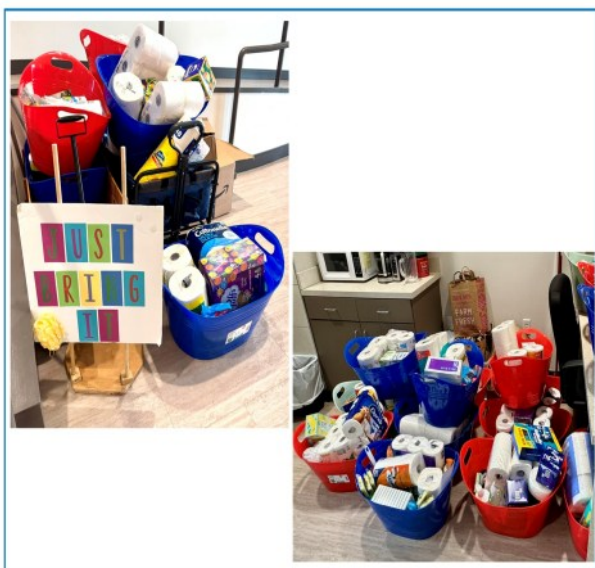


Just Bring It for August, we are collecting items for the newly housed residents of the New Leaf apartment complex, which is run by Presbyterian Night Shelter - like the Quail Trail apartments which we currently serve. New Leaf apartments will be in the Ridglea area.



The 2026 Flower

Calendar is posted in the Narthex if you wish to celebrate, honor or remember a special person, date or occasion, Please sign up as the spaces fill up pretty quickly.



Men of the Church

Next Meeting: September 4 @ 6:00

Menu: See John Little, Frank Everts, and James Aycok

(There will be a small, reasonable charge for whatever these chefs come up with)

Jim Godfrey has arranged for Jim Hodgeson from the Fort Worth Aviation Museum to speak about Mayor Henry Meacham (1925-1927). Maybe, we will all learn why they named Meacham Airport after him.

We will provide more details through the weekly newsletter, and the Sunday Bulletin.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Thank you for your support of the women and children served by the Center for Transforming Lives! Your generosity supports the comprehensive services we provide to families in Tarrant County.

Approximately 546,000 children called Tarrant County home. Heartbreakingly, more than 14% of them—nearly 78,000 – were growing up in households below the poverty line. The impact of poverty on a child's ability to learn, grow, and thrive can be profound, often reinforcing a cycle that spans generations. There is still so much work to be done.

At the Center for Transforming Lives, we walk alongside nearly 3,000 women and children each year, working to break that generational cycle.

Your generosity is the heartbeat of this mission.

With Gratitude,
Corrie A. Harris, MA, MBA
Chief Development Officer



PARKING - We are using the grass field behind the basketball goal for overflow parking when our main lot fills to capacity. Feel free to park there, but if you see the front row becoming near full, please leave the end spots open so others may pull in and start a second row in the grass. Thanks!

**YOUR SESSION INVITES YOU TO
FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS:**

- 1. FIND YOUR PASSION**
- 2. FIND YOUR TEAM/COMMITTEE**
- 3. IDENTIFY YOUR MEETING NIGHT**
- 4. GET INVOLVED!**

2nd Sunday of the Month
August 8, 2025 11:45 a.m.
Board of Deacons: Focus on Members
Lynne Payne, Moderator

2nd Tuesday of the Month
August 10, 2025 6:15 p.m.
Christian Education: Focus on Learning and Growing
Mary Beth Wagner, Chair

1st Tuesday of the Month
August 2, 2025 7:00 p.m. & Zoom
Fellowship Team: Focus on Social Gatherings
Beth Duncan, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
August 11, 2025 6:30 p.m.
Focus on Physical Structures
George Tischler, Chair

1st Wednesday of the Month
August 4, 2025 5:30 p.m.
Worship Team:
Focus on Sunday & Special Services
Shiryl Gillaspie Thompson, Chair

2nd Wednesday of the Month
August 11, 2025 5:30 p.m.
Commitment Team: Focus on Guests
Marsha West, Chair

1st Thursday of the Month
August 5, 2025 6:00 p.m.
Personnel: Focus on Staff Support
Paul Morrison, Chair

2nd Thursday
(week prior to Session Meeting)
6:00 p.m. - Zoom
Finance & Budget: Focus on Stewardship
Reeve Van Nostrand, Chair

2nd Tuesday of the Month
August 10 2025 6:00 p.m.
Outreach Team: Focus on Mission
Marji Raunikar, Chair

3rd Thursday of the Month
August 19, 2025
7:00 p.m.—RPC Sanctuary & Zoom
Session Meeting
Pastor Roger Harwerth, Moderator
Clerk of Session
Karen Landon

AV Team
Contact: Nancy Staples

Nominations Committee
Contact: Mary Beth Wagner



Edward Good	8	4
John Haenes	8	5
Bob West	8	13
Daniel Duncan	8	15
Aspen Cleworth	8	21
Hayden Haenes	8	23
Clay Roberts	8	25
Travis Richardson	8	29
Ashley Vega	8	29
Sarah Wagner	8	30
Jack Baethge	8	30

The next
newsletter
deadline
will be
August 21, 2025
at noon.

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