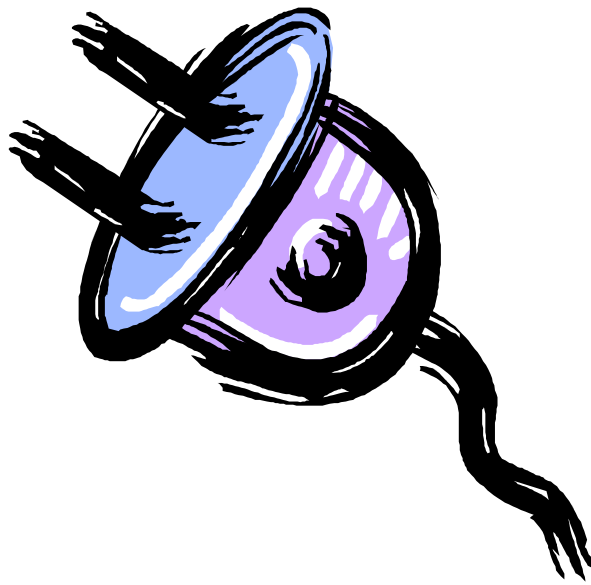


**Ridgeview Christian
Church**

Plug In!



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Why this booklet is important. . .

You have in your hands a booklet that can help you **“Plug In!”** to the ministry of Ridgeview Christian Church. In the New Testament, God makes it clear that each disciple of Jesus Christ is part of the body of Christ and equipped to serve in some capacity. Peter writes:

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

- 1st Peter 4:10

When each disciple of Jesus is plugged in and serving the Kingdom of God in a specific and consistent way, everyone wins:

- The disciple wins because he/she is fulfilling their God-given purpose, and such obedience brings joy.
- Those who are served win because they are having needs met, not only by someone who cares about them, but by God.
- The Church wins because she is strengthened and enabled to grow as her outreach goes forward unhindered.

In the pages that follow are a number of ministries that are supported by Ridgeview and need your assistance to function. Please become familiar with them and commit yourself to become involved in at least one of them on a consistent basis. Under each ministry heading is a stated purpose, plan of operation and prayer needs. **PLUG IN** wherever you can!



Ridgeview Christian Church

Behind the Scenes on Sunday

PURPOSE:

A ministry devoted to the organization of details needed to allow Ridgeview's Sunday morning worship gatherings to run smoothly and be a blessing to those attending.

PLAN:

- Typists for the Praise/Prayer lists
- Providers of flowers for the sanctuary
- Preparers of communion trays
- Bulletin folders & stuffers
- Attendance counters

PRAYER:

- For servant hearts of those involved in this ministry
 - For faithful workers
 - For the eyes of the workers to see the importance of their ministry
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Music Worship Team

PURPOSE:

A ministry devoted to drawing the hearts of people toward
God in worship.

PLAN:

- Vocalists
- Substitute worship leaders
- Instrumentalists
- Sound and video controllers
- PowerPoint “artists”

PRAYER:

- For hearts of the team members to be focused on giving God glory
 - For the hearts of worshippers to be focused on giving God glory
 - For the effective talents of team members
 - For the cohesiveness and flow of worship times
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Ridgeview Christian Church

Sunday School

PURPOSE:

A ministry devoted to instructing people in the truths of God's Word and inspiring obedience to that which is learned.

PLAN:

- Classes meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays
- Classes for all ages, nursery through senior adults
- Teachers, helpers, substitutes, and attendance secretary

PRAYER:

- For the hearts of the teachers for their students and for God
 - For the hearts of students to be obedient to the truth they learn
 - For the effectiveness of the talents of teachers
 - For the growth of class sizes and numbers of classes
 - For a healthy supply of teachers and substitutes
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Ridgeview Christian Church

Youth Groups

PURPOSE:

A ministry devoted to creating an exciting and welcoming environment for youth to be trained in walking with Christ faithfully and then who will go and do the same for their peers.

PLAN:

- Sunday nights:
 - ◊ K–9th Grade Youth—6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday nights:
 - ◊ Sr. High Youth—6:30 p.m.
- Special events
 - ◊ Christ in Youth (CIY) events for Jr. & Sr. High
 - ◊ Weeks of camp at Gasconade Christian Service Camp
 - ◊ Mission trips for Jr. & Sr. High
 - ◊ Miscellaneous trips for all ages
- Need exciting teachers, helpers, game coordinators, music leaders, and trip sponsors (involves travel and overnight stays)

PRAYER:

- For the hearts of the leaders and teachers
 - For the hearts of youth to follow and exemplify Christ
 - For a cohesive ministry
 - For the growth of the youth in all aspects of this ministry
 - For this ministry to be effective to all youth in the area
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Children's Church

PURPOSE:

A ministry devoted to providing a worship experience for children ages 18 months through Grade 4 during the Celebration Service on Sunday mornings.

PLAN:

- Meets from 10:30–11:45 a.m. on Sundays
- Two levels of worship for Toddlers (18 months through 4 years) and Children (Kindergarten through Grade 4)
- Leaders and helpers

PRAYER:

- For the hearts of leaders and helpers for children and for God
 - For the hearts of children to be drawn to God, embedding truth and awe in their lives
 - For safety during the session
 - For a consistent stream of workers
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Ridgeview Christian Church

Nursery

PURPOSE:

A ministry devoted to caring for children under 18 months old during Sunday School and Sunday worship services.

PLAN:

- Provided on Sundays during Early Word Service (8:00-9:00 a.m.), Sunday School (9:30-10:30 a.m.) and Celebration Service (10:30-11:45 a.m.)
- Trained workers and organized rotation of workers
- Clean facilities and adequate supplies

PRAYER:

- For the hearts of workers for children
 - For children and parents to be blessed by this ministry
 - For children to be ministered to beyond mere babysitting
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Worship Servants

PURPOSE:

A ministry devoted to enabling elements of the Sunday morning worship gatherings to be effective and efficient.

PLAN:

- During Sunday Early Word Service (8:00 a.m.) and Celebration Service (10:30 a.m.)
- Servers to greet at the entrances, to pass communion trays and offering trays, to prepare communion, to distribute and gather attendance pads, to lead public prayer, to share a communion meditation and to read Scripture publicly

PRAYER:

- For servant-hearts of the servers
 - For faithful workers
 - For those leading in prayer or meditations to provide insight for worshippers
 - For worshippers to have their hearts focused on God's glory
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Coffee/Donut Fellowship

PURPOSE:

A ministry devoted to providing a breakfast environment for connecting members and visitors.

PLAN:

- Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:30 a.m.
- Those who will buy food, and those who will set up, then clean up on Sundays

PRAYER:

- For servant-hearts of those involved
 - For people to establish meaningful connections with others who attend
 - For new people to be reached in a non-threatening environment
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Van Ministry

PURPOSE:

A ministry devoted to providing transportation for church events and reaching out to those without easy access to transportation.

PLAN:

- Drivers (Class E license) for Sunday mornings and special trips
- Maintenance volunteers to wash/wax the van and drop off at the garage for maintenance

PRAYER:

- For servant-hearts of drivers and workers
 - For greater uses of the van in ministry
 - For financial means to maintain the current van and, eventually, purchase a new van
 - For safety of drivers and passengers
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Visitation

PURPOSE:

A ministry devoted to touching the lives of visitors and the homebound with compassion.

PLAN:

- Providing communion to homebound believers
- Consistent visits to the homebound
- Visiting and praying with those in the hospital or nursing home
- Cookies to the homes of first-time visitors
- Speaking to those interested in becoming Christians or church members

PRAYER:

- For the hearts of workers to minister with compassion
 - For impacting lives through this ministry
 - For deepening relationships to develop between those visiting and those being visited
 - For clear communication during times of teaching
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Building and Grounds Maintenance

PURPOSE:

A ministry devoted to maintaining and improving the physical facilities of Ridgeview Christian Church.

PLAN:

- Periodic building repairs
- Changing light bulbs
- Cleaning baptistery
- Lawn mowing
- Caring for flower beds and shrubbery

PRAYER:

- For servant-hearts of workers
 - For the meeting of financial needs
 - For wisdom in using the physical facilities and money
 - For the completion of projects (Phase One, etc.)
 - For safety of workers
 - For the eyes of workers to see the impact of their ministry
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Missions

PURPOSE:

A ministry devoted to making disciples beyond the local community by the support of mission organizations and missionaries.

PLAN:

- Mission organizations and missionaries supported on a regular basis by Ridgeview
- Missions Emphasis Weekend
- Mission trips
- Mission bulletin board
- Correspondence with missions
- Promoting special offerings
- Preparing and sharing “Mission of the Month” (in newsletter, bulletin and Sunday Worship)
- Arranging for special mission speakers

PRAYER:

- For the hearts of team members
 - For mission organizations, missionaries, mission trips and special mission events
 - For the healthy funding of missions
 - For people to have a mission heart
 - For specific people groups that are unreached
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Benevolence

PURPOSE:

A ministry devoted to meeting the material needs of marginalized people in the church and community.

PLAN:

- Benevolence fund to supply immediate minor needs
- Meal of the Month
- Christmas Food Collection
- Box Night
- Support of G.R.A.C.E. (Greater Rolla Area Charitable Enterprise)
- A link to funds provided by the city of Rolla for transients
- Christmas gifts for Show-Me Christian Youth Home
- Ridgeview's building is recognized as a neighborhood tornado shelter

PRAYER:

- For the generous and compassionate hearts of workers
 - For the hearts of those in need to trust in God's provision
 - For financial provision to meet needs
 - For new ideas to reach those in need
 - For wisdom in addressing the many needs that arise
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Prayer

PURPOSE:

A ministry devoted to strengthening the church's spiritual and numerical growth through prayer.

PLAN:

- Prayer Zones (Mondays @ 10:00 a.m., Tuesdays @ 6:00 a.m. & Noon, Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m., and Fridays at Noon)
- Prayer line/e-mail offered to community
- Church Prayer Web
- Periodic Prayer Concerts
- Special focused prayer groups

PRAYER:

- For church members to develop hearts of prayer
 - For focus during times of prayer
 - For the generation of new ideas for outreach
 - For the development of numerous prayer groups
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??? (Dream of a new ministry)

PURPOSE:

A ministry devoted to _____
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PLAN:

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PRAYER:

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Still Not Plugged In Yet? Read On...

"If you're not involved in any service or ministry, what excuse have you been using? Abraham was old, Jacob was insecure, Leah was unattractive, Joseph was abused, Moses stuttered, Gideon was poor, Samson was codependent, Rahab was immoral, David had an affair and all kinds of family problems, Elijah was suicidal, Jeremiah was depressed, Jonah was reluctant, Naomi was a widow, John the Baptist was eccentric to say the least, Peter was impulsive and hot-tempered, Martha worried a lot, the Samaritan woman had several failed marriages, Zacchaeus was unpopular, Thomas had doubts, Paul had poor health, and Timothy was timid. That is quite a variety of misfits, but God used each of them in his service. He will use you, too, if you stop making excuses."

- Rick Warren in [The Purpose-Driven Life](#)

PLUG IN TODAY!

