

# welcome

**DEC 18, 21 & 24, 2014**  
Uncharted: Into the Unknown,  
One Step at a Time

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE

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We're so glad you're here! You're currently perusing our program, which holds information about what's going on around CRC. Should you want to know more, visit us online.

# upcoming

	Christmas Services	12/18 - 7 pm 12/21 - 9 & 11 am 12/24 - 4 & 6 pm
	NEXT Jan 3 & 4	find your next step
	Emerge Sunday Jan 11	18-25 year olds
	Night of Worship Jan 11	night of worship music starting at 6:30pm
	Starting Point Orientation Jan 18, 25 & Feb 1	explore faith & community
	Financial Peace Jan 28	financial management class
	GroupLink Jan 30	get connected
	"Big Game" Watch Party Feb 1	Emerge [18-25 year olds] and Mosaic [singles]

# info

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Welcome to The Ridge! We are so happy you're spending Christmas with us. Please make yourself comfortable, and join us on the journey to a Christmas Uncharted.

### Candles

Each year, we have a special candle lighting during our service. Candles are available at the auditorium entrance. **Flame candles are for ages 5 and up only.** We have special flameless candles for children under 5. Please help us ensure that all children under 5 have flameless candles.

\*\*We ask that all candles - flame and flameless - be **RECYCLED.** There are recycle bins as you exit the auditorium.

### Upcycled Star Ornament

We want you to go home today with something to remember the service and what God is doing in your life. Keep your program and use it to create an upcycled Christmas star ornament! Please see the back of the program, and visit [theridge.church/star](http://theridge.church/star) for instructions on how to make your upcycled ornament.

### Important Kids Ministry Details

Our Kids ministry will provide childcare only for children 0-24 months for all 5 Christmas services. In addition, there will be no Verge or dv8 programming.

### Christmas Service on the Radio

The Ridge's Christmas service will be broadcast at 3pm on Christmas Eve on the following stations: WAJR-AM 1440 Morgantown, WVAQ-FM 101.9 Morgantown, WKKW-FM 97.9 Fairmont, WFGM-FM 93.1 Fairmont, WAJR-FM 103.3 Clarksburg, WWLW-FM 106.5 Clarksburg, WBTO-FM 93.5 Buckhannon, and WSWW-FM 95.7 Summersville

### December 28 Service

On the weekend after Christmas, we will have service on Sunday only. There will be no Saturday night service. Our kids ministry will have childcare for 0-24 months only, and there will be no Verge or dv8.

## GIVING

### Offering

Your generosity makes it possible to impact our community, state and world for Christ! Miss the bucket? There's a box on the wall next to Guest Services. Give ONLINE at [theridge.church/give](http://theridge.church/give) or TEXT a \$ amount to 304.470.4078. If you're visiting with us, please don't feel an obligation to give.

## End of Year Giving

We know some of you may want to give a contribution before the end of 2014. To ensure contributions will be included on your 2014 giving statement, gifts must be received at the church or postmarked by December 31, 2014.

**Important Notice:** To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2014 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church, as some of your contributions may not be tax deductible if you file prior to receiving this acknowledgement. Contribution Statements will be mailed out prior to January 31, 2015.

## CONNECT AT THE RIDGE

**Are you ready to learn more about The Ridge and how you can be a part of it?**

- What:** NEXT, a short presentation of the history, mission and strategy of the church.
- When:** Saturday, January 3 & Sunday, January 4, immediately following the service in the HUB
- Details:** Come find your next step at The Ridge!

**Are you new to faith, just checking it out, or coming back to church after being away for awhile?**

- What:** Starting Point, a conversational small group environment where you can explore faith & experience community.
- When:** an 8-10 week group that meets on Sundays at the church.
- Details:** Learn more about Starting Point by attending one of three orientations being held in January/February: January 15, January 25, and February 1. Find more information at [theridge.church/starting-point](http://theridge.church/starting-point).

**Looking for a way to build friendships with others at CRC?**

- What:** GroupLink - a connection event
- When:** Friday, January 30 at 7pm
- Details:** GroupLink is an event where you can meet people in a similar stage of life and potentially form a starter community group. There will be free food AND free childcare!
- Register:** [theridge.church/grouplink](http://theridge.church/grouplink)

## GENEROSITY UPDATE

We held our first Generosity Campaign this year. Here are some of the highlights from the campaign:

**Operation Christmas Child:** We collected 1,024 boxes as a church and 1,264 boxes as a drop-off center. That's 2,288 kids who will get gifts and receive the gospel!

**Coat Drive:** We collected over 2,000 winter items (coats, gloves, hats, scarves). Many in our community were blessed with your donations!

**Hoss Foundation:** Hundreds of volunteers shopped for, wrapped and delivered gifts to over 1,100 people!

## POSITIVE I.D.

new series starting jan. 3/4

Oftentimes, we don't see ourselves properly... We don't see ourselves as God sees us. As a result, we are hindered from making progress in many areas of our lives. But what if we could begin to view ourselves differently? What if we could see ourselves through the lens of what God says is true of us? On January 3, 2015, we will begin a new series titled "Positive ID." Join us as we explore some amazing truths related to our new identity as children of God through faith in Christ.

## connect

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