



**REGULAR WEEKLY GATHERINGS**  
Sundays at 10:30 am  
R.E. Mountain Secondary School

January Teaching Series  
"Prison Break" (Begins Jan 6th)



**Kids @ The Ridge**  
High-energy fun and learning for  
birth to Grade 4 every weekend



Morning program for women  
Starts Friday, January 18th  
This weekly discussion and  
friendship group is open to all  
Full childcare is provided. Contact Meg at 530-5591



JERICHO RIDGE CHURCH  
will be enjoying the  
Sabbath on Dec 30th.  
We invite you to connect  
with family & neighbours  
by enjoying God's gift of  
**REST.** See you again on  
Sun, Jan 6 at 10:30am.

**JERICHO**  
COMMUNITY  
CHURCH  
**RIDGE**

[www.jerichoridge.com](http://www.jerichoridge.com)

**Year End Notes:**

A note for our regular attendees on giving options:  
We are excited to announce the launch of a new giving  
option – online giving to JRCC through your financial  
institution. Full details are available on our  
website. Also, donations for 2007 must be either  
postmarked or in the office by December 31. If you wish  
to drop it off, the office will be open on Monday, Dec 31

The church office will be closed Dec 25-30

For more information on any of these programs or  
about our church please feel free to contact us at  
604-629-7804 or [office@jerichoridge.com](mailto:office@jerichoridge.com) or  
visit our newly redesigned website at  
[www.jerichoridge.com](http://www.jerichoridge.com)



**Unravel the True Meaning of Christmas**

**Dec 24, 2007**

"But when the time was right, God sent His  
Son, and a woman gave birth to Him....  
So that He could set us free from the Law,  
and we could become God's children."  
*Galatians 4:4-5 (CEV)*

## Everything Changes...

We are living in an age of dramatic change. I read an article recently which suggested that:

- Every two or three years, the knowledge base doubles.
- Every day, 7,000 scientific and technical articles are published.
- Satellites orbiting the globe send enough data to fill 19 million volumes in the Library of Congress – every two weeks.
- High school graduates have been exposed to more information than their grandparents were in their entire lifetime.
- Only 15 percent of jobs will require college education, but nearly all jobs will require the equivalent knowledge of a college education.
- There will be as much change in the next three decades as there was in the last three centuries.

It's a bit overwhelming to think like that, isn't it? Sometimes it helps to personalize it. Think for a moment back to this time last year... Chances are you've experienced some significant life changes since then. For some, 2007 has been a year of positive adjustments – new jobs, new homes, new additions to the family. But for others, this has been a year of difficult transitions – challenging financial realities, harsh health news, and other stark and unpleasant circumstances that can broadside us and make us wonder if anything is ever going to change for the better again.

But one night, a change occurred that was so global, so cosmic in its scope and impact, that everything else pales in comparison. For it was on this night some 2,000 years ago that our world was forever changed. The Scriptures say it this way: "But when the time was right, God sent his Son... so He could set us free... and we could become God's children." That first Christmas night, *everything changed* because God Himself entered space and time as a little baby with the purpose of making Himself known to you and me and opening up the possibility of entering into an eternal and life-changing relationship with Him.

And because of this, everything can change for you, too. No matter what your background is, or your current circumstances, or what changes may be in your future... Tonight, why not pause and invite the One who changed history to change your heart and your life? It is the one true thing you can count on in a world where everything changes.

Merry Christmas!

## Order of Worship

### Welcome

Pastor Keith Reed

### Lighting of Advent Candles

Don & Eve Campbell

### Songs of Celebration & Hope

Tammy Goh & Team

### Children's Feature

"Room for a Little One"

Read by Heidi Bulat

### Christmas Reflections

"Everything Changes"

Pastor Brad Sumner

### Songs of Reflection & Invitation

Tammy Goh & Team



### FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN...

We have a full Nursery (birth-Age 3) available this evening in the staff lounge (follow the signs). You will be provided with a pager so that you may enjoy the gathering knowing that the Nursery staff can contact you if needed.

#### The JRCC Staff Team

Pastor Brad Sumner, Lead Pastor

Pastor Keith Reed, Associate Pastor

Renee Wikkerink, Kids @ The Ridge Director

Guelda Redman, Administrative Coordinator

#### Footnotes:

1—From *Leadership and Technology*, published by the National School Boards Association's Institute for the Transfer of Technology to Education. <http://www.nsba.org/sbot/toolkit/chnsoc.html>

2—Galatians 4:4-5 (Contemporary English Version)