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**Join us Sunday**

Small Groups/SS            9:00 AM  
Morning Worship            10:15 AM  
Evening activities dismissed

**Wednesday Night is Family Night**

Supper (by Reservation)    5:30 PM  
Bible Study & Prayer        6:30 PM  
Mission Friends  
Children in Action  
Youth Bible Study

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**Our Mission:**

*The Mission of The Ridge Church is to lead non-believers into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ*

**Identity: My Life of Faith**  
**My Life at Work**

**The Point:** Your work is a reflection of your relationship with Christ

Join us Sunday at 9 AM as we study Colossians 3:22-4:1 and discuss these **5 questions**

1. What do you like best about the work you do?
2. How would you describe a Biblical approach to work?
3. How can your work be an opportunity to serve God?
4. What steps might help you focus on Christ as you work?
5. Why is it important to treat all people the way our Master treats us?

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**Sunday Night**  
**Summer Spectacular**  
**Begins June 25**  
**Church-Wide Picnic**



# The Witness



Wes Henson, Pastor

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Rambling on ...



## A Note From Josh Hunt

([www.tinyurl.com/trc-techno](http://www.tinyurl.com/trc-techno))

There has never been a better time to serve God, worship God, study the Bible or be a Sunday School teacher. Occasionally I hear people pining for the good old days—the days of **Leave It to Beaver** when everybody went to church or so I am told. I don't know about you, but I would not have wanted to live before air conditioning. There has never been a better time to serve God.

We have better tools available at lower cost to more people than ever before. In a moment you can send a message whirling around the world. A video can go viral and it will be seen by millions. We have better tools for worship, evangelism, Bible study. . . everything we want to do we can do better today than in generations past.

Of course, the Devil has the same tools, and he is using them. If we don't pick up the tools and learn to use them, we put ourselves at a huge disadvantage.

**Jesus was a technology guy.** The word we translate carpenter meant a craftsman of any kind, like metal workers and stone workers. We get our word technology from that word.

**Paul was a technology guy.** He said, "I have become all things to all men." If he were alive today he would take advantage of every technology available to him.

**Billy Graham was a technology guy.** He used technology to spread the gospel all around the world like no one in human history.

Today, our tools are even better. Who will take advantage of them?

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*

**Deacon of the Week:**

Don McDonald

**Trustee of the Month**

Lisa Hottensen

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**In Bible Study and Worship**

Small Groups/ SS	113
Worship	106

**God's Tithe and Our Offerings**

General Fund	\$2,395.17
Debt Retirement	1,032.58
David Baggett Memorial	25.00
Wednesday Supper	59.00

**Remembrance Sunday**

**May 28**

Please call the office with names and date of death of those who died in 2016

**Home Connection**



June Bennett  
513 N. Michaels  
Carbondale, IL 6290

Home Connections!  
Make one  
This Week

Please remember June with a card or a phone call.

**May Events on The Ridge**

- May 14 - Mother's Day
- May 21 - National Day Of Prayer for VBS
- May 28 - Remembrance Sunday

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**Summer on The Ridge**

- June 4 - Birthday Potluck
- June 11- VBS Prayer walk
- June 12-16

**Vacation Bible School**

- June 16 VBS Celebration Night
- June 25 Church-Wide Picnic

- July 2 Patriotic Celebration
- July 9 Birthday Potluck
- July 16 Miners Baseball
- July 23 Homemade Ice Cream
- July 30 Bacon Sandwich Nite

- August 6 Birthday Potluck
- August 13 Show 'n'Tell and Watermelon Feast
- August 20 Sunday Night Movie
- August 21 Solar Eclipse Picnic
- August 27 Step Up Sunday

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**Register Now**

**Vacation Bible School  
June 12-16; 9 - Noon  
4 yrs - completed 6th grade**

Scan QR code  
To register  
children now



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**YOUTH VBS**

**June 12-15;  
12:30- 3 PM**



Scan QR code  
To register  
YOUTH now

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**Get The VBS  
APP from iTunes  
or Google Play**

**Hospitality May 14**

Casserole: Linda G

Bakery: \_\_\_\_\_

Fruit: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you would volunteer to bring food, please sign up in the hospitality area.**

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**Wednesday Adult  
Bible Study 6:30 PM**

**"The Restoration Promised"  
Matthew 1:18-24  
Luke 2:22-38**

Before sin entered the world God had a plan to fix everything sin would mess up.

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**Congratulations**

Graduating Senior

**Skyler Peterman**

Carbondale Community High School

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**Join us on The Ridge**

**Mother's Day 2017**

Each woman will receive a special gift

## This Week on The Ridge

### Sunday, May 14

8:30 AM-Coffee and...

9:00 AM-Small Groups/ SS

10:15 AM - Morning Worship

Evening Activities are dismissed

### Wednesday, May 17

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study

9:30 AM - River to River Bible Study

5:45 PM - Dinner by reservation

**menu:** pork chop, scalloped potatoes,  
corn, salad, and dessert

6:30 PM - Adult Bible Study and

Prayer Time, Children's

Mission Activity,

And Youth Bible Study.

### Friday, May 19

10:00 AM - Century

Assisted Bible Study

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### **Thank You**

Thank you so much for your  
kind thoughts, prayers,  
and beautiful flowers at  
the passing of my father,  
Phillip L. Brake Sr.

They meant so much to me.

Jerene

## **What Not To Say To A Guest In Worship**

1. You are sitting in my seat.
2. Is your husband/wife with you?
3. Are those your children?
4. The service has already begun.
5. There is not enough room for your family to sit together.
6. You will need to step over these people to get to your seat. (Everyone please just move to the center. It's a worship service not a movie theater!)
7. That's not the way we do it here.
8. You don't look like you are a member here.
9. Have you considered attending the church down the street?
10. The Nursery is real full!

## **Seven Things Church Members Should Say to Guests**

1. Thank you for being here.
2. Let me help you with that.
3. Please, take my seat.
4. Here is my email address. Please let me know if I can help in any way.
5. Can I show you here you need to go?
6. Let me introduce you to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Would you join us for lunch?

### **These Are Just Basics of Church Friendliness**

Most of the time guests are already ill at ease since they are in a new place and a new environment. What we say can have quite an impact.

Over the course of a year, a church could have 100 first-time guests. With most of the members being genuinely guest friendly, you could see half of those guests become active members.

[www.tinyurl.com/trc-10-things](http://www.tinyurl.com/trc-10-things)

## HAPPY FLAMINGO-ING

Surprise! You may be FLAMINGO'D by one of your "friends," as a fundraiser for the Ridge Youth! These flamingos will nest in your yard for just a few days. Below are the details on how you can have our feathered friends removed.

### Flamingo Removal and Relocation

- \$15 donation- a trained technician will remove the flock
- \$20 donation- a trained technician will remove and relocate the flock to a friend of your choice
- \$30 donation- Flamingo flocking insurance will protect your home from future flocks of flamingos

If you are unable to donate at this time, please contact our team of flocking experts to remove the birds at no cost.

To arrange a flocking, a flocking removal, or for flamingo flocking insurance,

**Contact Courtney**

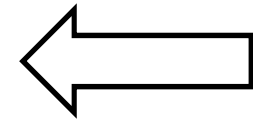
**Call or text: (618) 559-7139;**

**Email: [cnhenson4@gmail.com](mailto:cnhenson4@gmail.com)**

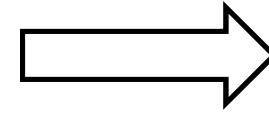
Thank you for supporting the Ridge Youth as they raise funds for Centrifuge!



Birthdays



Graduations



Out after  
Curfew



Flamingos  
Everywhere





# Sunday School and Small Group Study May 14, 2017

Preschool (birth-5)	Peter and John Preached	Acts 3:1-4:21
Children (gr 1-6)	Peter and John Preached	Acts 3:1-4:21
Students (gr 7-12)	My Life at Work	Colossians 3:22-4:1
Adults	My Life at Work	Colossians 3:22-4:1

## ONE CONVERSATION™

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

**CONNECTION POINT:** Share the love of Jesus everywhere.

**THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE:** Work is more than a paycheck. It is more than just a job. Whether we are the CEO of a large business or an intern on the lowest rung of the corporate ladder, our true work is to honor Christ and reflect Him in our work relationships, attitude, and productivity. Our day-to-day work might be forgotten next week, but the witness we give through our work can impact eternity.

**BIBLE  
STUDIES  
FOR LIFE**

**COLOSSIANS 3:22-4:1**

*Life Reflected*

### PRESCHOOL



#### ACTS 3:1-4:21

**LIVE IT OUT:** Help your child name the people who tell him about Jesus—teachers, family members, and others he can name. If your preschooler is older, he can start telling friends what he knows about Jesus, or he could invite them to church.

One day Peter and John met a man at the temple (church) gate. The man could not walk. He asked Peter and John for help. Peter told him, "I don't have any money, but I will give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus, get up and walk." The man's feet became strong. He was able to walk. The man went walking and jumping and thanking God.

When the people saw the man walking, they were surprised. Some people were angry. They arrested Peter and John. The leaders asked Peter and John what happened. Peter and John said that the man was able to walk by the power of Jesus.

The leaders told Peter and John to stop talking about Jesus. Peter and John said they would listen to God. They would not stop telling people about Jesus. Many people believed in Jesus, and the church grew bigger.

### KIDS



#### ACTS 3:1-4:21

**LIVE IT OUT:** Does your child tell others about Jesus? Help him think of one or two friends who need to know about Jesus. Practice what he could say to help his friends come to know the Savior of the world.

Peter and John were going to the temple. Outside of the temple was a man who could not walk. He asked Peter and John for help. Peter told him to get up and walk. The man went began walking and jumping and thanking God.

The people were amazed. Peter told the people about Jesus and that they needed follow Him. Some leaders didn't like what Peter and John were saying. They put the men in jail.

The next day, the leaders asked Peter and John about the man's healing. Peter told them that the man was healed by the power of Jesus. The leaders warned the men to quit talking about Jesus. Peter and John said that they could not stop talking about what they had seen and heard. The leaders let them go because so many people were praising God because of what they heard.

### STUDENTS

**THE POINT:** All work is a reflection of your relationship with Christ.

- What work are you most proud of?
- How can we maintain a Christlike attitude, even in work we don't enjoy?
- How are the things you work at an opportunity to serve God?
- What steps might help you focus on Christ as you work?

Discuss the following quote: "Read the Bible. Work hard and honestly. And don't complain."—Billy Graham

1. "Billy Graham Quotes," Brainy Quotes [online], (accessed 13 September 2016). Available from the Internet: <http://www.brainyquotes.com/quotes/quotest/b/billygraha403083.html>.

**LIVE IT OUT:** Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out in the Personal Study Guide.

Here are some ways you can encourage your students to live out their faith with Christ personally, in community, and in their culture:

- **CHRIST:** Talk with your student about any personal struggles he or she may be facing, and pray for not only solutions but an attitude of peace while handling them.
- **COMMUNITY:** Pray with your student for his or her friends facing difficult situations, and create a community that is open and encouraging.
- **CULTURE:** Discuss with your student how the way Christians behave in challenging situations will look different from others in our culture.

**We have a small group and a class for everyone.  
Join us Sunday at 9 AM**