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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 on Mission**

**Point:** We can better share the gospel when we step into the shoes of others.

Join us Sunday at 9 AM as we study 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 and discuss these **5 questions**

1. What do you like best about connecting with people?
2. How did you first hear the gospel?
3. What are some different approaches Christ-followers use to share the gospel?
4. What things might we need to set aside to run the race of faith well?
5. What things might we need to pick up to run the race of faith well?

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



# The Witness



Wes Henson, Pastor

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## Summer Kick Off!

Rambling on ...



Summer has arrived! Graduations are celebrated, schools are out, and vacations have begun. To kick it all off we celebrate Memorial Day. I realize that some may conclude that the purpose of Memorial Day is to help us "memorialize" the arrival of summer.

Of course, that is not the case at all. Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. While several cities and towns vie for the honor of celebrating the first Memorial Day, one thing is for sure, the origin of Memorial Day is the result of The Civil War and a desire to honor our dead.

This weekend some will find their way to the cemeteries for the purpose of, as proclaimed by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. dated 5 May 1868: *"strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land."*

Over the years, this observance includes decorating the graves of all men and women who died in any war or military action. In addition, we often take the time to remember and honor our loved ones who have died.

This Sunday morning at The Ridge Church, we will remember those friends, family, and church members who have died during 2016.

I hope you will find time to attend Sunday as we honor those who have gone before us and as we worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*

**Deacon of the Week:**

Jeff Yates

**Trustee of the Month**

Linda Garlinghouse

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**In Bible Study and Worship**

Small Groups/ SS: 126  
Worship: 97

**God's Tithe and Our Offerings**

General Fund: \$27,831.28  
Debt Retirement: 282.58  
Missions: 329.00  
Wednesday Supper: 168.00  
Youth Fuge : 1,795.00

**Remembrance Sunday  
May 28**

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

**Home Connection**



Venida McKinnies  
Parkway Manor  
Rm.122  
Marion, IL 62959

Home Connections!  
Make one  
This Week

Please remember Venida with a card or a phone call.

**SummerTime  
on The Ridge**

June 4 - Birthday Potluck  
June 11- VBS Prayer walk

June 12-16  
Vacation Bible School  
Children -9 am - noon  
Youth - 12:30-3:00 pm

**THURSDAY June 15  
VBS Celebration Night  
6:00 PM**

June 25 Baptism  
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 Sammich 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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Scan QR code  
To register YOUTH now



**YOUTH VBS  
June 12-15;  
12:30- 3 PM**  
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**Get The VBS  
APP from iTunes  
or Google Play**

**Hospitality May 28**

Casserole: Hottensen  
Bakery: Yates  
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 Relationship Continues"  
John 21:1-19; Acts 1:4,8**

*Even though I mess up,  
God still loves me and  
will never leave me*

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**Celebrating  
the  
Ordinance  
of Baptism  
June 25  
10:15 AM**

If you have questions about salvation, baptism, church membership see the Pastor

This Week on The Ridge

Sunday, May 28

8:30 AM-Coffee and...  
9:00 AM-Small Groups/ SS  
10:15 AM - Morning Worship  
Evening Activities Dismissed

Monday, May 29

Church office closed in observance  
of Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 24

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study  
9:30 AM - River to River Bible Study  
5:45 PM - Dinner by reservation  
**Menu:** baked potato bar,  
salad and dessert  
6:30 PM - Adult Bible Study and  
Prayer Time, Children's  
Mission Activity,  
And Youth Bible Study.

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**Thank You**

Many thanks to everyone who prayed  
for me, visited and sent cards to me  
while I was in the hospital. Special  
thanks to Pastor Wes, Alan Dover,  
Pam White, Myrtle Huppert,  
and John Hertter.

Bonnie Wheaton

**Summer 2017 Small Groups  
Real Relationships June 4- July 9, 2017**

**We were created for two relationships:** 1) A relationship with God. 2) A relationship with everyone else.  
Each of those relationships affects the other.

We don't lack for "relationships," using the loosest definition of that word. Just look at our social media profiles. Many of us have plenty of "friends" online, and maybe even acquaintances we see at work or in the community. **What we long for are real relationships, people with whom we feel a real bond.** God desires that for us, too. He designed us to live in community in genuine relationships that are far from superficial.

**This study examines relationships from a variety of viewpoints:** from the foundation of true relationships, to the fulfillment we receive from deep friendships, to our responsibility within relationships with those who don't know Christ. **As you engage this study together, you'll discover that an abiding relationship with Christ leads to healthy relationships with everyone else.**

Be prepared, though. You won't just find out about the kinds of friends you need ; you'll also discover the kind of friend you need to be to others.

**Join us Sundays this Summer at 9 AM. Arrive a little early for some "Coffee And ..."**

**Real Relationships**

June 4	Session 1	Love Like Christ	John 15:9-17
June 11	Session 2	Forge True Friendship	1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:4-7; 20:10-13
June 18	Session 3	Respect Authority	1 Samuel 24:3-12
June 25	Session 4	See Their Worth	2 Samuel 11:1-9, 14-17
July 2	Session 5	Share Christ	John 1:35-49
July 9	Session 6	Encourage One Another	Acts 11:19-26

# The Ridge Church

# June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 9:00 am Sunday School at Prairie Living 10:15 am Morning Worship 5:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Birthday Potluck, VBS Childrens Choir Practice	5	6	7	8	9	10
----- Children's Choir rehearsal for VBS Musical June 5-10 TBA -----						
11 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 9:00 am Sunday School at Prairie Living 10:15 am VBS Musical 5:00 pm Deacons Meeting 6:00 pm VBS Prayer Walk	12	13	14	15	16	17
Galactic Starveyors Vacation Bible School 9 -Noon June 12-16 Youth VBS June 12-15 12:30 - 3:00 gr. 7-12						
18 <b>Fathers Day</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 9:00 am Sunday School at Prairie Living 10:00 am Worship Service @ Prairie Living 10:15 am Morning Worship  <b>Evening Activities Dismissed</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24
		12:00 pm Adult 5 Brown Bag Lunch	7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer	6:00 PM <b>VBS CELEBRATION NITE</b>	8:00 pm Family Movie <b>Night At Pavilion</b>	12:00 pm Pavilion Reserved
25 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 9:00 am Sunday School at Prairie Living 10:15 am Morning Worship  <b>5:00 pm Church Wide Picnic</b>	26	27	28	29	30	01
Youth Fuge Camp @ Union University June 26 – July 1						
		6:00 pm WMU Mission in Action Meeting	7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer			

## June Birthdays

- 3 Debbie Henson
- 8 Molly Carrington  
Eric Hansen  
Justin Perrott
- 9 Linda Stewart
- 12 Clark Bush
- 13 Mark Holt
- 16 Mallorie Little  
June Bennett  
Mary Ann Futia
- 17 Courtney Henson
- 18 Richard Lipe
- 21 Linda Holt
- 22 Anna Lipe
- 24 Bob Piland;
- 28 Jim Speith Jr.

*If any Birthdays were omitted, please notify the church office.*



# Sunday School and Small Group Study May 28, 2017

Preschool (birth-5)	Barnabas Encouraged Others	Acts 4:36;9:26-31
Children (gr 1-6)	Stephen Preached	Acts 6:8-7
Students (gr 7-12)	My Life on Mission	1 Corinthians 9:19-27
Adults	My Life on Mission	1 Corinthians 9:19-27

## ONE CONVERSATION™

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

**CONNECTION POINT:** Discipling people shows you love Christ.

**THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE:** We tend to define people by the demographics of our church and the circle of Christians we regularly encounter. People who match those characteristics certainly need Jesus, but so do people outside our circles. To share Christ with these other people requires us to take the gospel into their culture rather than expecting them to come into ours.

**BIBLE  
STUDIES  
FOR LIFE**

**1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-27**

*Life on Mission*

### PRESCHOOL



**ACTS 4:36; 9:26-31**

**LIVE IT OUT:** Involve your child in helping at church. Include her in helping provide for a food pantry or a clothes closet. As you are serving and helping together, say the verse: "Help one another in love."

Barnabas, a believer in Jesus, loved people and helped them. One time he sold a field and brought the money to give to people who needed help.

Barnabas' name meant "Son of Encouragement." If you encourage people, you support them or cheer them up. One of the people Barnabas encouraged was a man named Saul.

When Saul came to Jerusalem, the people in the church were afraid of him. Saul used to hurt people who loved Jesus. Barnabas told the people how Saul had changed. He told them that now Saul wanted to tell people about Jesus.

The people believed what Barnabas said. They were not afraid of Saul anymore. People in the church found out that some people wanted to hurt Saul. They helped Saul leave Jerusalem so he would be safe. More people became part of the church.

### KIDS



**ACTS 6:8-7**

**LIVE IT OUT:** God's plan is for believers to tell others about Jesus and how to be saved. If your child is older and has been a Christian for a few years, she may be ready to learn how to share the plan of salvation with a friend. Help her practice on family members.

Stephen was a great man of faith in the early church. He began to preach and do miracles among the people. Some of the Jews started to argue with Stephen and tell lies things about him. They told the people that Stephen was saying bad things about Moses and God. They took Stephen before the Jewish rulers.

The high priest asked Stephen if the charges were true. Stephen told about the history of the Jewish people. He accused the people of killing the prophets and even Jesus. The rulers were angry at what Stephen said. Stephen was full of the Holy Spirit.

Stephen looked up and saw the glory of God and he saw Jesus. He told the men what he saw, but they were angry. The men took him out of the city and threw stones at him. Stephen prayed during all of this. He asked God to receive his spirit and to forgive the people for what they were doing. After that, Stephen died.

### STUDENTS

**THE POINT:** We can better share the gospel when we step into the shoes of others.

- How can we walk in the shoes of others without compromising our values?
- What are some different approaches Christians use for sharing the gospel?
- What things might we need to set aside to run the race of faith well?

Discuss the following quote: "If your Gospel isn't touching others, it hasn't touched you!"<sup>1</sup>—Curry R. Blake

1. Aaron Sams, I Want to be A.L.I.V.E. (July, 2010) 185.

**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:** Pray with your student seeking ways to feel closer to God even if it means sacrificing certain luxuries.
- **COMMUNITY:** Spend devotional time with your student this week teaching him or her good practices to use in his or her personal time with God.
- **CULTURE:** The gospel is something that we should desire to share with others. Make a list of people that you and your student can share the gospel with this week.

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