

The Ridge Church
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Join Us Sunday

Small Groups/SS	9:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:15 AM
Birthday Potluck	6:00 PM

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

Real Relationships
Love Like Christ

Point: Base every relationship on the unconditional love of Christ.

Join us Sunday at 9 AM as we study John 15:9-17 and discuss these **5 questions**

1. How have you seen technology change the way we relate to one another?
2. How does obeying God's commands demonstrate our love for Him?
3. What does it look like to love others the way Jesus loves us?
4. What emotions do you experience when you consider these verses?
5. How have you seen these verses practiced within the church?

Sunday Night
Summer Spectacular
Begins June 25
Church-Wide Picnic



The Witness



Wes Henson, Pastor

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Sunday - A Day For ...



I thought it was just me, but I guess I'm not the only one who marvels at all the Sunday activities that keeps folks from attending worship. In last week's newsletter from Carbondale First United Methodist church, Pastor Rhein made a similar observation. (www.tinyurl.com/trc-fumc)

He noted the frustration of so many Sunday morning activities as not just a community thing but also a universal occurrence. He writes and I concur, *"I am not being critical of parents, and I am not saying that these young people are "scarred for life" because they miss Sunday school and [worship]. But I do think there is a need for a Sabbath that allows everyone to rest and refresh themselves from the activities of the week."*

He develops his thought by referring to the 4th commandment, *"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."* (Our Sabbath is Sunday, reminding us of Easter and the Resurrection each time we come to worship.)

In Jesus day, it meant no work, and even limited the number of steps taken. In addition, there were 39 categories of activity prohibited on the Sabbath. However, these activities are encouraged on the Sabbath: Spending Sabbath together with one's own immediate family, temple attendance for prayers, visiting family and friends (within walking distance), hosting guests, singing, reading, studying and discussing the Scriptures. According to Reform Judaism, *"one should avoid one's normal occupation or profession on the Sabbath whenever possible and engage only in those types of activities that enhance the joy, rest, and holiness of the day."*

Of course, I do not think we should list and enforce acceptable and unacceptable activities on Sunday I do however believe we need to remember Sunday as a day for 1) Worship and 2) engage in activities of "joy, rest, and holiness."

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*

Deacon of the Week:

Louis Hertter

Trustee of the Month

Linda Garlinghouse

In Bible Study and Worship

Small Groups/ SS: 124

Worship: 106

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

General Fund: \$2,447.68

Debt Retirement: 87.58

Bill Hertter Memorials 120.00

Wednesday Supper: 74.00

Youth Fuge : 250.00

Youth Fuge Camp Balance

Paid in Full!

Received \$6,368.70

Camp Fees 4,880.00

Balance \$1,488.70

Home Connection



Rosa Spiller
710 N. Allyn
Carbondale, IL
62901

Home
Connections!
Make one
This Week

Please remember
Rosa 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 18 Father's Day

June 25 Baptism

June 25 Church-Wide Picnic

July 2 Patriotic Celebration

July 9 Birthday Potluck

July 16 S.I. 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

Hospitality June 4

Casserole: Heather

Bakery: Imogene

Fruit: Jamie

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

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

God's Plan For Me.

What does it mean to trust
Jesus to save you and be in
charge of your life?

AND

What happens next?

The Ordinance of Baptism

Sunday June 25

10:15 Am

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

**5 Reasons why stability is bad
for a church - Thom Rainer**
(tinyurl.com/trc-avel)

1) **A stable church is not a church
on mission.** Churches should be in
constant change.

2) **Comfort is the enemy of
obedience.** All Biblical examples of
obedient persons involved getting out
of their comfort zones.

3) **Stable churches are not reaching
their communities.** Our communities
are changing rapidly. Cornerstone
Church in Marion is seeking to
establish a church in Carbondale to
reach this changing community. **Why?**

4) **Stable churches do not create
new groups.** A church not creating
new groups is inwardly focused. The
members are spiritual navel gazers.
(Google it)

5) **Members of stable churches want
the focus to be on their desires.**
They want church the way it's always
been. "I did it MY way", not God's way.

There is nothing biblical about a
stable church. In fact, the stability
is really just an illusion. Those
churches that seek stability will
ironically change the most rapidly
toward decline and death.

This Week on The Ridge

Sunday, June 4

8:30 AM-Coffee and...
9:00 AM-Small Groups/ SS
10:15 AM - Morning Worship
6:00 PM - Birthday Potluck

Tuesday, June 6

6:30 PM - Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 7

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study
9:30 AM - River to River Bible Study
5:45 PM - Dinner by reservation
Menu: burgers, dogs, chips, baked beans, salad and dessert
6:30 PM - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time, Children's Mission Activity, And Youth Bible Study.
7:15 PM - Trustee Meeting

Thank You

We would like to thank our church family for the beautiful flowers, the outstanding meal, the cards prayers and phone calls A special thanks to Wes for his prayers and kind words. It is a comfort to know we can count on our church family through whatever life brings.

The Family of Bill Hertter

**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

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

Scan here
to Register



Register Now!
YOUTH VBS
June 12-15; 12:30- 3 PM
Grades 7-12

Scan here to
Register Youth



Join us as we discover that the God who created everything wants a personal relationship with us!

Pick up VBS
post cards and
hand them out

VBS Celebration Night
THURSDAY NIGHT
6 PM

All sessions are free

Sunday School and Small Group Study June 4, 2017

Preschool (birth-5)	Philip and the Ethiopian	Acts 8:26-40
Children (gr 1-6)	Philip and the Ethiopian	Acts 8:26-40
Students (gr 7-12)	Love Like Christ	John 15:9-17
Adults	Love Like Christ	John 15:9-17

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: Telling people about Jesus shows love for them.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Relationships can be fragile. Everything's fine if two people are traveling down the same road, but what happens if those two people don't see eye to eye—or open animosity is evident? The Christian's role in a relationship—any relationship—is to love. When we live and dwell in the love of Christ, that same love seeps into all our relationships.

**BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE**

JOHN 15:9-17
Love Gives

PRESCHOOL



ACTS 8:26-40

LIVE IT OUT: Help your child think of a family member or friend who needs to know about Jesus. Print *Jesus loves you* at the top of a piece of paper. Let your child draw a special picture for this person. Plan to give the picture to the person. Say a prayer together for this person beforehand.

Philip traveled from town to town, telling people about Jesus. One day an angel (a messenger from God) spoke to Philip. The angel told him to go to the desert road that went from Jerusalem to Gaza.

Philip started walking down the road. He saw a man riding in a chariot. The Ethiopian man had been to Jerusalem to worship God. Philip heard the man reading from a Bible scroll. Philip asked the man, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

"No," the man said. "I need someone to explain the words to me." So Philip sat beside him in the chariot and explained the words. Philip told the man that the words in the Bible scroll were about Jesus. He told him the good news about Jesus.

The man saw some water and asked to be baptized. Philip baptized him. The Ethiopian man went home very happy. Philip traveled to other places to tell people about Jesus.

KIDS



ACTS 8:26-40

LIVE IT OUT: Has your child ever shared his testimony with a friend? Remind him that God wants us to tell others the good news about Jesus. Help him think of a friend who needs to know about Jesus. Brainstorm ideas for helping that friend learn about Jesus.

Philip was one of the disciples. He told people about Jesus. An angel told Philip to go to the desert road from Jerusalem to Gaza.

While Philip was walking down the road, he saw a man from Ethiopia sitting in a chariot while reading a Scripture passage. Philip asked the man if he understood what he was reading. The Ethiopian said that he was not able to understand what he was reading because he had no one to help him understand it. The Ethiopian asked Philip to sit beside him in the chariot.

Philip read explained that the Scripture was talking about Jesus. Philip explained to him all that Jesus had done. The Ethiopian believed everything that Philip told him about Jesus.

The Ethiopian saw some water and asked Philip if he could be baptized. Philip told the Ethiopian, "If you believe with all of your heart, you may." Philip baptized the man from Ethiopia.

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Center every relationship on the unconditional love of Christ.

- How has technology changed the way we relate to each other?
- How does obeying God's commands demonstrate our love for Him?
- What does it look like to love others the way Jesus loves us?
- What keeps us from obeying Jesus' commands in these verses?

Discuss the following quote: "The world does not understand theology or dogma [doctrine], but it understands love."
—Dwight L. Moody

1. Inspired Faith: 365 Days a Year: Daily

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:** Take time to pray with your student ensuring that he or she is loving Jesus in the same way that He loves us.
- **COMMUNITY:** Encourage your student to show love to your church family this week. Brainstorm a couple ways you could show love and then follow through.
- **CULTURE:** It is easy to love our friends and family, but Jesus calls us to love everyone including our enemies. Seeing you acting in love and doing good will help your student to act out that same love with others.

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