

The Ridge Church
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Join Us Sunday

Small Groups/SS	9:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:15 AM
Miners Baseball	5:05 PM

Wednesday Night is Family Night

Supper (by Reservation)	5:30 PM
Bible Study and 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

Special Focus Sunday
First Things First

The Point: Always put God first.

Join us Sunday at 9 AM as we study **Haggai 1:2-13** and discuss these **5 questions**

1. What's the longest you've waited in line? (Was it worth it)
2. What are some of the major priorities in our lives?
3. What do these verses teach us about God?
4. How can we determine what priority we've given God in our lives?
5. What does it look like for God to be with us as individuals and as a group?

Ridge Church

Window Decals

Are still available.
See Lisa Hottensen



The Witness



Wes Henson, Pastor

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Summer Time Sunday Nights #OnTheRidge2017

Join us for **Summer Time Sunday Nights #OnTheRidge2017**. The complete Sunday night schedule is found inside, "**The Witness**". These activities are informal get togethers designed with fellowship and fun in mind. I hope you feel motivated to invite and bring folks with you.



I want to specifically mention the "**Show 'n' Tell 'n' Watermelon Feast**" on **August 13th**.

- 1) We will have **watermelon**. The watermelon is provided
- 2) For "**Show n Tell**" bring something that you enjoy doing, making, and/or learning about, and tell us about it. You may set up a display, have a story to tell, or maybe even show us first hand.

Give us a call at the Church office and let us know what you will be doing and what you will need for your display area. If you would rather not bring anything for Show 'n' Tell, no worries come and enjoy looking at what others are doing.

I am looking forward to seeing the many talents of the people of The Ridge Church on display.

This just In: We've added "**Dips and such**" to the August 20th Movie Night. **Bring dips, chips, crackers, and/or veggies to share**

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*

Deacon of the Week:

Jeff Yates

Trustee of the Month

Chris Robison

In Bible Study and Worship

Small Groups/ SS: 102
Worship: 88

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

General Fund \$3,505.00
Debt Retirement 530.00
Miners Tickets 7.00

This Summer - Bring a picture of your summer activity pin it to the bulletin board

**YOU CAN'T HAVE
CHANGE AND COMFORT
SIMULTANEOUSLY.**



Home Connection

Rosa Spiller
710 N. Allyn
Carbondale, IL
62901

Home
Connections!
Make one
This Week

Please remember

**SummerTime
on The Ridge**

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 'n'
Watermelon Feast
August 20 Sunday Night Movie
August 21 Solar Eclipse Picnic
August 27 Step Up Sunday

Hospitality July 16

Casserole: _____
Bakery: Jeff Yates
Fruit: _____

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

**On Mission Cairo, IL
July 28-29**

Mission projects of all kind
and ability in and around
the Cairo, IL area.

See Dennis & Karissa for details

Small Groups 9:00 A.M.

**We have a group for
everyone Arrive a little early
for some "Coffee ... And"**

July 16

Special Focus:

"First Things First"

In these days and times,
everything on our list feels urgent.
What should we do first? The book
of Haggai answers this question

July 23- August 27

Broken Vessels

"How God Uses Imperfect People"

*Now we have this treasure in clay
jars so that this extraordinary power
may be from God and not from us.
(2 Corinthians 4:7)*

- July 23 - A Fresh Start
- July 30 - Objections Overruled
- August 6 - The Gift of Grace
- August 13 - A Channel Of Comfort
- August 20 - A Passion for the Gospel
- August 27 - Right Here, Right Now.

Info to Remember

**5th Sunday Debt
Retirement Offering
July 31st**

For Your Convenience:

In addition to the traditional
Sunday morning giving of your
tithe and offering, we now
offer these other methods.

1. Set up giving through
your bank.
2. Scan this qr code
3. Download Free App
"Tithe.ly" from Google or
iTunes

Method 2-3 involve
convenience fees
from the digital service.



July Birthdays!

This Week on The Ridge

Sunday, July 16

8:30 AM- Coffee and...
9:00 AM - Sunday School
10:15 AM -Worship service
5:00 PM-Miners Baseball Game

Wednesday, July 19

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study
5:45 PM - Dinner

By reservation

Menu: chicken potpie, salad
and dessert

6:30 PM - Adult Bible study
and prayer time, youth
Bible study, and children's
mission activities

Children 1 & 2 Swim Party

Sunday, July 30 following
morning worship at Mrs. G's
house. The children will be
returned to the church at 3:30
pm for parental pickup. Bring
your swimming suit & a towel
(and a floatie if you don't
swim!) If you have questions,
call Linda Garlinghouse
687-1652

6 Week Summer

Bible Study Series

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM

Featuring Andy Stanley
**"Five Things God Uses
To Grow Your Faith"**

August 9 - Session 5:

"Personal Ministries"

Video and discussion guide
will be uploaded to Facebook
and web page



**Free Solar Eclipse Glasses
Given out on August 6, 2017**



6 Ways To Roll Out The Welcome Wagon For Guests

- Ken Braddy www.tinyurl.com/trc-kbraddy01

Our Sunday morning small groups are "open groups". While this may surprise a few, they are designed to reach new people. In fact, the group leader and the group's members most likely are on the lookout for new people.

At The Ridge Church, we are always seeking new ways to make our guests feel welcome when they drop in. Here are a few reminders:

1. **Wear Name Tags** - My friend David Francis believes in this, and I do, too. I've seen how important those inexpensive stick-on name tags are when guests come to my group's study. My Bible study group continues to have new guest couples. Giving them a name tag to fill out and wear is a part of my group's strategy for assimilating people into our group.
2. **Sit in a Circle** - If your room is arranged in rows of chairs, consider sitting in a large circle. People are more likely to speak up and participate if they can see each other's faces.
3. **Introduce Guests to Group Members** - Take the initiative and introduce guests to people in your Bible study group. Some folks are pretty shy (both guests and group members), and they need a little push to start talking to one another. Even better: have a designated greeter or greeters in your group whose job it is to reach out to your guests and introduce them to others.
4. **Make sure your Meeting Place has Extra Chairs** - There's nothing more "neighborly" than having plenty of seating for guests...and if your meeting place is arranged in rows, please don't make guests sit "up front."
5. **Call Guests by Name during the Bible Study** - wearing name tags will help you do this! Don't put a guest on the spot, but do affirm any answer they provide. "John, that's a great insight. Thank you for sharing that with our group."
6. **Invite the Guest Back!** - Don't let a guest leave your Bible study group without asking them to please join you again the next time your group meets. Don't assume they'll come back. Instead, let them know how important they are to you and your group, and that you want them to return.

Summer Time Sunday Nights #OnTheRidge2017

July 16 Southern Illinois Miners Baseball

Game begins at 5:05 pm. Tickets will be ordered Thursday, July 6.
Versus River City Rascals. Special appearance by Jose Canseco

July 23 Homemade Ice Cream

Bring your favorite homemade ice cream or pick some up!

July 30 Bacon Sammich Nite

Bacon, lettuce, tomatoes, and bread provided. Bring a side dish

August 6th Birthday Potluck

Join us as we recognize all who are celebrating birthdays in August

Sunday School and Small Group Study July 16, 2017

Preschool (birth-5)	Paul & Barnabas Told About Jesus	Acts 14
Children (gr 1-6)	Paul & Barnabas Told About Jesus	Acts 14
Students (gr 7-12)	First Things First	Haggai 1:2-13
Adults	First Things first	Haggai 1:2-13

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: When people put God first, they live in ways that honor Him.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: A lot of things vie for our attention, and many of them offer a good "sales pitch" why they should take priority. We also encounter the "tyranny of the urgent," which screams for attention—now! No doubt we have many things that are important—family, work, and so forth—but only one thing takes priority over all these things: loving obedience to God.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

HAGGAI 1:2-13
First Things First

PRESCHOOL



ACTS 14

LIVE IT OUT: Print on a sheet of paper: *Work together happily. Ephesians 6:7.* Give your child markers, dot painters, crayons, stickers, or watercolor paints to decorate the paper. Talk to her about Paul and Barnabas working together to tell people about Jesus.

Paul and Barnabas traveled to many faraway towns. Sometimes they traveled on boats. Sometimes they walked. Everywhere Paul and Barnabas went, they taught people about Jesus.

Paul and Barnabas went into the synagogue and told about Jesus. Many people listened to them and believed in Jesus. Some people did not like what Paul and Barnabas were teaching. They planned to hurt the men. Paul and Barnabas had to leave the city to be safe. But that did not stop them from telling about Jesus.

Paul and Barnabas returned to the towns where they had been. They encouraged the people to continue to follow Jesus.

After going to many different towns, Paul and Barnabas sailed back to Antioch on a boat. Everyone came to hear Paul and Barnabas tell about their trip. They told about all the people who believed that Jesus was God's Son.

KIDS



ACTS 14

LIVE IT OUT: Has your child learned cooperation? Paul and Barnabas had to work together to accomplish the goal of spreading the gospel. Help your child learn the Weekly Verse, Ephesians 2:10. Pray with your child that he will continue to walk with God and do those good works created for him.

Paul and Barnabas continued to travel to different cities, telling the people about Jesus. In each city they would go to the synagogue and talk about Jesus. Many of the Jews and many Greeks listened and believed that Jesus is the Son of God.

But some Jews began to cause trouble for Paul and Barnabas. They wanted to hurt Paul and Barnabas, but the men learned about the plan and left to go to another city.

When Paul and Barnabas were in Lystra, they healed a man who could not walk. The people thought Paul was God. Paul said, "I am a man. God gave me the power to heal this man."

Paul and Barnabas traveled to many towns, spreading the good news about Jesus. They returned to the church in Antioch that had sent them. They told about all the things God had done and all the people who had believed.

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Always put God first.

- What's the longest you've waited in line?
- What excuses do we make to delay our obedience?
- What do we lose by not putting God first?
- What benefits can we anticipate when we put God first in our lives?

Discuss the following quote: "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him."¹ —John Piper

1. John Piper, "God Is Most Glorified in Us When We Are Most Satisfied in Him," *Desiring God* [online], 13 October 2012, [accessed 23 November 2016]. Available from the Internet: <http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/god-is-most-glorified-in-us-when-we-are-most-satisfied-in-him>.

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:** Discuss some ways your student could develop a better relationship with Jesus. Help him or her to outline some steps to take.
- **COMMUNITY:** Help your student to identify any needs in the church or community that he or she could fill.
- **CULTURE:** Spend time with your student counting the many blessings that you have received and how those can be used to share Jesus with the world.

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