

The Ridge Church
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Join Us Sunday

Small Groups/SS	9:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:15 AM
Bacon Sammich Nit	6:00 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

**Broken Vessels:
Objections Overruled
Moses**

The Point: God will work through us despite our shortcomings.

Join us Sunday at 9 AM as we study **Exodus 3:11-12; 4:10-17** and discuss these **5 questions**

1. When have you accomplished something you didn't think you could do?
2. How comfortable do you feel about doing what God is currently calling you to do?
3. How do these verses help us understand the way God uses us to accomplish His plans?
4. How would you summarize the root of Moses' objections throughout these passages?
5. How can we help one another move out of our comfort zones in order to obey God?



The Witness



Wes Henson, Pastor

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Pay It Forward



Vacations are a great time and for many reasons. You get to spend good quality time with family. Vacations always include the change of routine, which is often energizing. It's also a time to try new things, see new things, and enjoy new things.

And, what I like best about vacation is that it is a time to relax, refresh, sleep late, and recreation.

Debbie and I did all of that this last week. On Sunday, we were in Jonesboro, AR and worshiped at **The Friendly Hope Baptist Church**. The pastor, Bobby Barnett pastored the church I grew up in as a child in Rhode Island. My family and I were charter members of the Church. "**Pastor Bob**," retired from the Chariho Southern Baptist Church about five years ago, and moved back to where he grew up.

Our attendance surprised him and tears welled up in his eyes as he recognized me walking through the door. He asked me to preach for him (I knew he would), but I had come to hear him preach. At the end of the service, he called on me to dismiss with prayer. Then, it was my turn to well up in tears as I did my best to choke out a prayer. At dinner, we spent a good portion of the time reminiscing and laughing.

I am grateful for the example of good men who helped me, encouraged me, and prayed for me. I pray I am able to pay it forward.

We Labor Together With God,

Wes

Deacon of the Week:

Steve Carrington

Trustee of the Month

Louie Hertter

In Bible Study and Worship

Small Groups/ SS: 116

Worship: 100

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

General Fund \$2,279.55

Debt Retirement 47.58

Wednesday Supper 21.00

Thank You

Thank you for all your prayers and concern during my knee replacement surgery. My rehab is going well and we hope to be back soon.

Richard Lipe

Home Connection

Ray Charles

2940 W. Westridge

Place

Carbondale, IL

62901

Please remember

Ray with a card
or a phone call.



Home
Connections!
Make one
This Week

SummerTime on The Ridge

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 30

Casserole: Linda

Bakery: Angie

Fruit: Jenny

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

Great Things Never
Came From Comfort Zones

Small Groups 9:00 A.M.

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

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 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.

Show N Tell N Watermelon

If you are participating
in the Show N Tell on
August 13th please call the
church office to reserve a
table for your presentation.

Info to Remember

5th Sunday Debt Retirement
Offering July 30th

Wednesday Night we agreed to ...

- Accept the Official membership list of the Ridge Church. Copies are available at the information Center.
- Install 8 light poles in the parking lot and driveway area
- Purchase a 24' by 60' portable building to be used for classrooms and small group activities.
- Extend the pavilion storage area by 10'

We thank the Trustees for their
vision and leadership as we move
forward on The Ridge

3 More Ways to Give

1. Set up giving through your bank.

2. Scan this qr code



3. Download Free App "Tithe.ly"
from Google or iTunes

This Week on The Ridge

Sunday, July 30

8:30 AM- Coffee and...
9:00 AM - Sunday School
10:15 AM -Worship service
Childrens Dept. Swim party
6:00 PM-Bacon Sammich Night

Wednesday, August 2

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

Menu: grilled burgers & hotdogs,
chips, salad, and dessert

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

7:30 PM - Trustees Meeting

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



August 21, 2017

Why Attending Church No Longer Makes Sense - Carey Nieuwhof www.tinyurl.com/trc-AttendNoLonger

Let me encourage you to read this article in full. I will attempt to paraphrase some of the key points. You will find much edification if you read it for yourself.

The trend is practically universal: fewer people are attending church every year. You might have even asked the question yourself. Why bother? There are many reasons why that's happening, but I think it's increasingly evident that it no longer makes sense to attend church. Don't get me wrong. I'm a huge fan of the church. But I get why more and more people have simply stopped attending.

- 1) Church services are available online to be watched anywhere at any time.
- 2) Attending church is simply driving a distance to connect with three or four songs, hear the message and then head home. Turn on Spotify, grab the message via podcast and you're done.
- 3) Generations ago, the church was a social and cultural hub as well as a missional hub. In addition to faith reasons, people loved going to church because it was one of a handful of options available in a community. We now live in a culture that's drowning in options and has 24/7 access to anything Christian.

The main reason I gather with the church is because I am the church. You don't attend church. You are the church. Merely attending church doesn't make you much of a church because sitting in a back row consuming church doesn't make you very good at being the church. Being the church has something to do with living your life for Christ, demonstrating God's love by serving others and sharing your faith with people.

The reason you would go to church today is that you've moved from being a consumer to being a contributor. You don't just go to be served, you go to serve. **There's something deeply scriptural about that.**

The 2nd compelling reason to attend a Sunday morning gathering is that you're creating a space where everybody (regardless of their background) can hear and experience the news of Christ's love for them.

Bottom Line: Stop pandering to the consumers—those who merely attend and won't engage. **Focus** on who you want to reach, not who you want to keep.

Summer Time Sunday Nights #OnTheRidge2017

Operation Christmas Child
Shoe Boxes of gifts for children.

How can you help?
During August
please bring to The Ridge:

Colored pencils, markers, rulers, small
activity books, solar calculators, small
notebooks, pencils, sharpeners, glue
sticks, and kid-sized scissors.
Thank you!

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

August 13th Show 'n' Tell 'n' Watermelon Feast

Please call the church office to reserve a table for your presentation

August 20th Sunday Night at The Movies

This just In: We've added "Dips and such" Bring dips, chips, crackers, and/or veggies to share

Sunday School and Small Group Study July 30, 2017

Preschool (birth-5)
Children (gr 1-6)
Students (gr 7-12)
Adults

Paul and Silas in Prison
Paul and Silas in Prison
Objections Overruled
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Acts 16:16-34
Acts 16:16-34
Exodus 3,4
Exodus 3-4

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: God can help people be faithful to Him.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: We don't have to look far to find someone who can do something better than we can. Because our culture puts a lot of value on talents and skills, we can be tempted to make comparisons and think we are not as important or significant. God doesn't judge by such standards. He doesn't need whatever we consider our assets nor is He concerned about whatever we consider our limitations; He just wants us. Our weaknesses do not override what God can—and will—do through us to accomplish His purposes.

**BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE**

EXODUS 3:11-12; 4:10-17
Objections Overruled

PRESCHOOL



ACTS 16:16-34

LIVE IT OUT: Use time driving in the car, waiting in line, or playing outside to praise God with your preschooler. Sing simple praise songs such as "God Is So Good," or play some preschool songs on a CD. Tell your child that she can sing to God anytime.

Paul and Silas traveled and told people about Jesus. Some people did not like them telling about Jesus. They put Paul and Silas in jail. The jailer locked their feet in chains.

Paul and Silas began to pray and sing songs to God. The other prisoners listened to them pray and sing.

At midnight, while Paul and Silas were praying and singing, an earthquake shook the ground so hard that the prison doors opened and the prisoners' chains came loose.

The earthquake woke the jailer. When he saw the jail doors wide open, the jailer was afraid the prisoners were gone. The jailer heard Paul call out, "We are all still here! Do not be afraid!"

The jailer took Paul and Silas to his house. They told him and his family about Jesus and how much Jesus loved them. The jailer and his family believed what they heard about Jesus.

KIDS



ACTS 16:16-34

LIVE IT OUT: Has your child ever experienced difficulty because of her belief in Jesus? The times in which we live are becoming increasingly difficult for Christians. Help your child talk about ways to stand up for what he believes, even when he faces resistance.

Paul and Silas did something that made the people angry. They dragged Paul and Silas to the officials. The people attacked Paul and Silas. The officials had Paul and Silas beaten with rods. Then he sent them to jail. They put their feet in chains.

Paul and Silas were praying and singing songs to God. The prisoners listened to them. About midnight, as they were praying and singing, an earthquake shook the ground! The jail doors flew open! Everyone's chains came off!

When the jailer saw the open doors he thought the prisoners had all escaped. "Stop!" Paul called. "We are all here!"

The jailer brought Paul and Silas out of the jail. "What must I do to be saved?" he asked. Paul and Silas told the jailer about Jesus. They told everyone in the jailer's house about Jesus. They all believed and were baptized.

STUDENTS

THE POINT: God will work through us despite our shortcomings.

- When have you accomplished something you didn't think you could?
- How comfortable do you feel about doing what God is currently calling you to do?
- What do these verses teach us about our place in God's plans?
- What steps can we take to support one another in obeying God?

Discuss the following quote: "Real true faith is man's weakness leaning on God's strength." ¹—Dwight L. Moody

1. Dwight L. Moody, *The Overcoming Life* (Orlando: Bridge-Logos, 2007), 240.

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 with your student ways that he or she can be bold in his or her faith this week.
- **COMMUNITY:** Pray with your student for the boldness and faith to follow God's calling, whether it is alone or alongside friends.
- **CULTURE:** God has worked through others in powerful ways, and He can do the same through your student. Encourage your student to demonstrate the power of God in his or her life.