

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 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:
The Gift of Grace
Paul**

The Point: God's grace allows me to face anything life throws at me.

Join us **Sunday at 9 AM** as we study **2 Corinthians 12:2-10** and discuss these **5 questions**

1. If you could have a lifetime supply of any product, what would you choose
2. How would you summarize Paul's experiences in these verses?
3. What are some reasons God allows us to go through hardships?
4. What are some appropriate ways to respond when God says 'No' to our prayers?
5. What has helped you discover that God's grace is sufficient for your needs?

Arrive a little early for some "Coffee And ..."



The Witness



Wes Henson, Pastor

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How to Discern An Opportunity

Last week **The Ridge Church** sponsored a **Five Day Club** presented by **Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)** in the community of **Gorham**. We provided an air-conditioned place at the community center. **CEF** provided the staff, materials, and an individual from the community provided the nightly snacks. Average attendance for the week was 21 children, ages 5-12, and 2 staff members.

Debbie and I attended the Friday night conclusion of the club. It appeared they had a very good week and the children were very interested and involved in hearing the Bible lesson. Playing "Drip, Drip, Drop" was also a refreshing success.

The community of Gorham has a population of about 300. There is no church in the community although the community has had several in the past. Currently folks who attend church drive 20 minutes to Murphysboro, or 30 minutes to Carbondale. Some even drive to Pinckneyville. **Most do not attend anywhere.**

Thursday morning, I am driving through the community to look it over and will meet with some community officials and ascertain the possibility of having some type of block party in the community this September.

Further, I wonder whether the folks of The Ridge would provide a weekly after school ministry lasting about an hour for the children this fall. Perhaps the Lord has opened up an opportunity for us to reach this community. I'm not sure.

If you would like more information and be willing to pray with me about this, please let me know. Call or text me at 618.559.7132.

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*

Deacon of the Week:

Mike Garlinghouse

Trustee of the Month

Louie Hertter

In Bible Study and Worship

Small Groups/ SS: 114

Worship: 96

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

General Fund \$2,966.00

Debt Retirement 7,504.83

Wednesday Supper 117.00

June Bennett Memorials 150.00

New Church Year

begins September 1, 2017.

Nominating committee meets

this Sunday at 5 PM

Home Connection

Venida McKinnies

Parkway Manor

Room #207

Marion, IL 62959

Please remember

Venida with a card

or a phone call.



Home
Connections!
Make one
This Week

**SummerTime
on The Ridge**

August 6 - 6 PM

Birthday Potluck

Honoring all who are
celebrating August Birthdays.

August 13 - 6 PM

Show 'n' Tell 'n'

Watermelon Feast

Contact Church office
to reserve space

August 20 - 8 PM

Sunday Night Movie

The Rookie

View the Trailer:

www.TinyUrl.com/TRC-Rookie

Bring dips, chips, veggies to share

August 21 - 11:30 AM

Solar Eclipse Picnic

Bring your own picnic

August 27 - 10:15 AM

Step Up Sunday - Pavilion
Dinner - Multi-Purpose
Building

Small Groups 9:00 A.M.

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

Through 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)

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.

Opportunities are usually
disguised as hard work, so most
people don't recognize them.

Ann Landers

For Your Information

3 More Ways to Give

1. Set up giving through
your bank.

2. Scan this qr code



3. Download Free App
"Tithe.ly"

Hospitality August 6

Casserole: Jamie

Bakery: Karen

Fruit: Lois

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

**Great Things Never
Came From Comfort Zones**

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

This Week on The Ridge

Sunday, August 6

8:30 AM- Coffee and...
9:00 AM - Sunday School
10:15 AM -Worship service
Baptism & Lord's Supper
6:00 PM-Birthday Potluck

Tuesday, August 8

12:00 PM - Adult 5 Brown Bag
Luncheon

Wednesday, August 9

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

Menu: taco bar, salad, and dessert

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

Mission Ukraine

**Wednesday August 23
6:30 PM**

Pam White will share what
God is doing through the
Ukraine Mission team

**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!

The Ridge Church

The Official membership
list of The Ridge Church is
available at the
Information Center.

The list includes
up to date addresses

Children's Swim Party



**Post your
Summer
Vacation**

**Pictures on the
Bulletin board
by the
information
center**

Join Us This Sunday
This Sunday **August 6** we will
celebrate the two ordinances of the
Church during morning worship

**The Ordinance of Baptism and
The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper**

6 Week Summer Bible Study Series

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM
Featuring Andy Stanley

**"Five Things God Uses
To Grow Your Faith"**

Study Continues This Week
August 9 - Session 5:

"Personal Ministries"
Video and discussion guide
will be uploaded to Facebook
and web page

On Mission Cairo

15 folks from
The Ridge Church participated in
the On Mission Cairo project
last weekend. 23 decisions
for salvation were made.

The Ridge Church

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer 7:15 pm Trustee Mtg	3	4	5
6 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 10:15 am Morning Worship Baptism & Lords Supper 11:30 am Robison Reserved MP Bldg. 6:00 pm Birthday Potluck	7	8 12:00 pm Adult 5 Brown Bag Lunch	9 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer	10	11	12
13 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 10:15 am Morning Worship 5:00 pm Deacons Meeting 6:00 pm Show and Tell With Watermelon Feast	14	15 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	16 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer	17	18	19
20 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 10:00 am Worship Service @ Prairie Living 10:15 am Morning Worship 8:00 pm Sunday Night At the Movies	21 Total Solar Eclipse 11:30 AM – Picnic at the Pavilion. Bring your own picnic basket	22 6:00 pm WMU Mission in Action Meeting	23 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer	24	25	26
27 10:15 am Step Up Sunday Morning Worship at The Pavilion Dinner at The Multi-Purpose building Evening Activities Dismissed	28	29	30 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer	31		

August Birthdays

- 7 Debbie Speith
Kim Massey
- 8 Danielle
Laughland
- 9 Roy Patton
- 10 Mike
Garlinghouse
- 12 Matt Peterman
- 13 Joann Genovese
Kris Kilpatrick
- 15 Ragan Dunn
- 18 Don Bishop
- 22 Cooper Thies
- 25 Jennifer Moutria
- 26 Trendon
McCamish
- 27 Michael White
- 30 Wes Henson
Stephanie Lipe
Wesley Graham

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



Events and activities subject to change. Go to OnTheRidge.Org/Calendar for the latest updates

Sunday School and Small Group Study July 30, 2017

Preschool (birth-5)	Paul Taught in Athens	Acts 17:16-34
Children (gr 1-6)	Paul Taught in Athens	Acts 17:16-34
Students (gr 7-12)	The Gift of Grace	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Adults	The Gift of Grace	2 Corinthians 12:2-10

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: God helps people tell others about Jesus.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Our lives are filled with both joys and sorrows, opportunities we embrace and difficulties we'd rather avoid. We don't question God's presence in the good times, although we might when life gets hard. God is with us through it all: good and bad. We are no less in God's hands or useful as His instruments when we face challenges. God's grace is always with us.



2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10
The Gift of Grace

PRESCHOOL



ACTS 17:16-34

LIVE IT OUT: Help your child make a gift for a favorite teacher at church. He can decorate a foam or wooden picture frame with stickers. Print *Thank you for teaching me* on a paper that will fit into the frame. Let your child print his name and decorate the paper. Encourage him to give it to his teacher at church.

Paul traveled to the city of Athens. While there, Paul went to the synagogue and talked to the people about Jesus. Paul went to the marketplace every day and told about Jesus to anyone he met.

Some men heard Paul teaching about Jesus. The men asked Paul to go with them to a special meeting place on a hill. People came from all over Athens to the hill.

Paul stood up in the meeting and said, "I want to tell you what I know about God. God created the world and everything in it. He made all people, and He loves all people. He wants people to love Him." Paul told the people about Jesus, God's Son.

Some of the people did not believe what Paul was saying. Some people wanted Paul to come back and talk again. And some people believed what Paul said about God and Jesus. Paul helped people in Athens learn about Jesus.

KIDS



ACTS 17:16-34

LIVE IT OUT: Talk with your child about her teachers at church. Remind her that they are following God's command to teach about Jesus. Encourage your child to write a thank-you note to one or more of her teachers. Tell her to mention something specific she learned from that teacher.

Paul waited in the city for his friends. He saw idols everywhere! Paul even found an idol with a sign "To the Unknown God."

Some of the men liked to hear new ideas. They invited Paul to talk to them.

Paul told the men that the God who made everything does not live in a shrine. He told how God did not need anything because He Himself gives what people have.

Paul said, "Don't think that God is like gold or silver or stone that men make into idols." He told the men how God knew when each person would live and where he would live. Paul urged the men to stop sinning and to turn to the one and only real God.

The men listened until Paul told them that God had raised Jesus from the dead. Some people laughed. Others wanted to hear more. Some people believed Paul, and followed Jesus.

STUDENTS

THE POINT: God's grace allows me to face anything life throws at me.

- If you could have a lifetime supply of any product, what would you choose?
- What are the risks and rewards of sharing our spiritual experiences with others?
- What are some reasons God allows us to go through hardships?
- What are some appropriate ways to respond when God says "no" to our prayers?

Discuss the following quote: "Grace must find expression in life, otherwise it is not grace." ¹ —Karl Barth

1. Helmut Gollwitzer, *An Introduction to Protestant Theology* (Louisville: Westminster Press, 1962), 174.

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 this week the grace that we receive as followers of Christ. Take time to give thanks for His continued grace.
- **COMMUNITY:** Grace is necessary for our salvation, and it also empowers us to serve others. Consider ways you and your student may use that grace to serve others.
- **CULTURE:** God wants to make His grace evident through us. Pray that God would use you and your student as an example to lost friends.

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