

The Ridge Church
7350 Old Hwy 13
Carbondale, IL 62901

Phone: 618.457.0479

Email: RidgeChurch@OnTheRidge.org

Web: www.OnTheRidge.org

Join Us Sunday

Small Groups/SS 9:00 AM
Morning Worship 10:15 AM
Show 'n Tell/Watermelon 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

Follow us on Facebook:

[facebook.com/OnTheRidgeChurch](https://www.facebook.com/OnTheRidgeChurch)

Follow us on Twitter:

twitter.com/TheRidgeChurch1

Our Mission:

***The Mission of The Ridge Church is
to lead non-believers into fully
devoted followers of Jesus Christ***

**Broken Vessels:
A Channel of Comfort**

The Point: God's work in our lives makes us channels of His comfort to others.

Join us **Sunday at 9 AM** as we study 2 Corinthians 2:1-7 and discuss these **5 questions**

1. What is your favorite comfort food?
2. How specifically does God comfort us in our troubles?
3. In what ways has God shown Himself to be 'the God of all comfort' in your life?
4. What do these verses teach us about God's intention for the body of Christ?
5. How can these verses influence the way we serve one another?

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



The Witness



Wes Henson, Pastor

August 13, 2017

Vol. 41, No. 31

I Gotta Tell This Story

A microcosm of Facebook, miscommunication, and I guess, life



So .. Someone shared a post by **Joe's Barber Shop** on Facebook and as I was trolling, I saw it. Immediately I was taken back to my childhood days and infrequent Saturday mornings of visiting "**Joe the Barber.**" It was in another time, another place, and another "Joe the Barber."

I shared the post and tagged my two brothers. For, as when one went we all went. Dave immediately replied that he also remembered and that there were some questionable haircuts and experiences, like a bicycle that was stolen in front of the barbershop.

BTW: I had forgotten about that incident. It seems that it was my bike and when my mom found out about it she came racing down to the shop and patrolled the area (Bowling Lane). Eventually she found someone who just happened to know where to locate the bike and for a fee ... he did. (I miss the Bird. She always had my back)

Back to my story, A few minutes later the **Murphysboro Joe the Barber's, wife** chimed in on Facebook and wanted Dave to know that he certainly could not have had such an experience at this place since Joe had only purchased the business a year and a half ago.

Well, we responded by assuring her that we did not mean any harm to the business nor were we referring to this barbershop. It was just that the name brought back a plethora of memories. (Of course, Dave and I had a good laugh as we texted about this privately.)

However, it all ended nice. I deleted the post on my own. She realized we were not talking about her husband. She messaged me and invited me to go by "**Joe's Barber Shop**" and get my haircut, and recount my "Joe the Barber" experiences. **I did this morning and got a great cut by Harold who has been cutting hair for 54 years.** It's hard to find a men's barber shop now a days. **I found one in Murphysboro.**

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*

Deacon of the Week:

Jack Peterman

Trustee of the Month

Louie Hertter

In Bible Study and Worship

Small Groups/ SS: 118

Worship: 112

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

General Fund \$4,262.00

Debt Retirement 3,807.58

Wednesday Supper 103.00

Operation Shoebox 20.00



Muddin' 4 Missions

August 26

Cunningham, KY

\$10/person

Home Connection

Rosa Spiller

710 N. Allyn

Carbondale, IL

62901

Please remember

Rosa with a card

or a phone call.



Home
Connections!
Make one
This Week

**SummerTime
on The Ridge**

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

Summer Time Finale

Step Up Sunday -

At the 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"

August 13 -

A Channel Of Comfort

August 20 -

A Passion for the Gospel

August 27 -

Right Here, Right Now.

On Mission

For those interested in
participating in a Block Party
at Gorham there will be an
informational meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 7:30 PM.

Great Things Never

Came From Comfort Zones

For Your Information

Online Giving

For Your Convenience

1. Set up giving through
your bank.

2. Scan this qr code



3. Download Free App
"Tithe.ly"

Hospitality August 13

Casserole: Betty

Bakery: Angie

Fruit: _____

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

We Feed The Terriers

Football Team

August 31, 5:30 PM

See Jenny Hertter

for more Info

This Week on The Ridge

Sunday, August 13

8:30 AM- Coffee and...

9:00 AM - Sunday School

10:15 AM -Worship service

6:00 PM-Show N Tell & Watermelon

Tuesday, August 15

6:30 PM - Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 16

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study

5:45 PM - Dinner

By reservation

Menu: pork steak, cheesy potatoes,
green beans, 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

6 Week Summer

Bible Study Series

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM

Featuring Andy Stanley

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

Study CONCLUDES

August 16 - Session 6:

"Pivotal Circumstances"

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

Welcome New Members

By Baptism

CJ Robison

Shelly Wilson

By Statement

Charlie Reed

By Letter

Lisa Wenzel

**Operation Christmas Child
Shoe Boxes 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.

**Post your Summer
Vacation Pictures** on the
Bulletin board by the
information center.

Looking for
vacation bulletins

Total Eclipse 2017

What is a Total Solar Eclipse?

A Total Solar Eclipse is an
astronomical phenomenon in which the
moon passes in between the Sun and
Earth unveiling a solar corona as the
Moon's shadow crosses the Earth.
This only occurs during the new moon.

What should I look for in a Total Solar Eclipse?

An out of body experience that will be
a peak moment in your life. You will
look for elements such as the solar
corona, baily's beads, shadow bands,
prominences, diamond ring, the
chromosphere, and not to mention the
breath taking twilight around the
horizon. With clear skies, you should
be able to see several planets as well.

What time will the eclipse pass over Carbondale?

The total solar eclipse enters Illinois
at 1:17 p.m. CDT and leaves at 1:25
p.m. The predicated time of full
totality is 1:20 p.m. CDT.
We suggest that you stop what your
doing and make plans to get to a
viewing destination by 12:00pm.

Picnic on The Ridge begins at 11:30



August Birthdays →



The Ordinance of Baptism

Fun Times At Fun Places With Fun People



Sunday School and Small Group Study August 13, 2017

Preschool (birth-5)	Apollos Told About Jesus	Acts 18:24-28
Children (gr 1-6)	Paul Preached to an Angry Crowd	Acts 21:27-22:29
Students (gr 7-12)	A Channel of Comfort	2 Corinthians 1:2-7
Adults	A Channel of Comfort	2 Corinthians 1:2-7

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: God's people help communicate His message to others.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: No one is immune from trouble. No one wants to go through hardships, but sometimes life rains on us. Thankfully, God never abandons His children, and we can know the power of His presence in the challenges we face. When we've walked through a hard season of life with God's comforting grace, we can walk with others undergoing the same difficulties. We can encourage them with the love, grace, and comfort of Christ, who they see in us.

**BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE**

2 CORINTHIANS 1:2-7
A Channel of Comfort

PRESCHOOL



ACTS 18:1-3,24-28

LIVE IT OUT: Sit and clap with your child while saying, "T - E - L - L, I can tell about Jesus." Name one person you could tell about Jesus. Repeat the chant, encouraging your child to name someone she could tell about Jesus. Continue to play, adding other family members to the game

Paul went to the city of Corinth to tell the people about Jesus. There he met a man named Aquila and his wife, Priscilla. They were tent makers. Paul taught Priscilla and Aquila about Jesus while they worked together making tents.

Later, Aquila and Priscilla sailed with Paul to a city named Ephesus. In this city, Aquila and Priscilla met a man named Apollos. Apollos loved God and had learned many things from the Bible scroll. He was a good teacher, and many people listened to him.

Aquila and Priscilla invited Apollos to their house. They talked with Apollos and told him things about Jesus that he did not know. Aquila and Priscilla helped Apollos understand more about Jesus. Apollos traveled to tell other people what he had learned about God and Jesus.

KIDS



ACTS 21:27-22:29

LIVE IT OUT: Has your child ever heard a message from you he does not like? Just as a parent disciplines his child, so God disciplines His children. Help your child understand that the Bible is God's guide for living and following Jesus, even when we hear something we do not like.

Some men saw Paul in the temple. They said that Paul was saying things against the law. They stirred up the whole crowd.

The men grabbed Paul and dragged him out of the temple. They beat Paul and tried to kill him!

Soldiers rushed to the temple to find out what was happening. As the crowd followed, the soldiers took Paul away. When they reached the steps where the soldiers stayed, Paul asked to speak.

Paul said, "Listen to me. I learned the Jewish law when I was young. I tried to do all it said. I even tried to put Christians in jail." Then Paul told everything that had happened to him.

The crowd yelled for Paul to be punished. The soldier was about to beat Paul with a whip. Then he learned that Paul was a Roman citizen. The soldier knew he could not harm a Roman citizen. He stopped at once.

STUDENTS

THE POINT: I can be a channel of God's comfort to others.

- What's your favorite comfort food?
- When have you been comforted by God?
- What ways do you appreciate being comforted by others?
- When has God used you to comfort someone?

Discuss the following quote: "The task of the preacher is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable."¹ —Vance Havner

1. Vance Havner, Grace Quotes [online], [accessed 23 November 2016]. Available from the Internet: <http://gracequotes.org/quote/the-task-of-the-preacher-is-to-comfort-the-afflicted/>

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 that he or she would respond to hardships in a Christ-honoring way.
- **COMMUNITY:** Our friends are continually facing challenges that need our prayers and community support. Help your student identify friends that may need our prayer and support.
- **CULTURE:** Discuss ways that people in your church and community may be suffering. Consider ways that you can help and be a comfort to those people.

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