

The Ridge Church
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Join Us Sunday

Small Groups/SS	9:00AM
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

The Dark Side
Demons

The Point: Demonic forces are real, but Christ is greater.

Join us Sunday at 9 AM as we study Mark 9:17-29 and discuss these 5 questions

1. What do you typically do when you feel afraid?
2. What have you been taught about demons and demon possession?
3. In what ways can you identify with the father in this story?
4. When have you felt God's power during a difficult circumstance?
5. Why is faith in Jesus essential when dealing with evil?

We have a small group for everyone!

Evil is real and evil is a mystery that we won't ever fully understand. However, God calls us to trust Him and have confidence in His love, no matter the circumstances.
Is that enough for you?



The Witness



Wes Henson, Pastor

September 10, 2017

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Great Opportunities To Serve



Rambling on ...

I am passing on to you an email I received from the Trustees this morning. It is a reminder that we are in a season of physical and spiritual growth. The Lord has blessed in so many ways as we have stepped up to receive each blessing.

One facet of spiritual growth is physical involvement in what God provides. That is, "laboring together" with God in the work God is doing. In this busy time of the year and with the busy lives we lead, we may find ourselves too busy to receive what the Lord is ready to provide. Wouldn't it be a shame to be too busy and miss out?

Here is the email:

*The Trustees are diligently working on many projects at this time!
There is currently a GREAT need for helpers at The Ridge!*

*Before we can add on to the Pavilion storage, we need to do some cleaning and organizing. **October 7th at 8:00 am** has been set for this project. **October 13th and 14th** are the days scheduled to do the addition.*

***We NEED your help!** Please see a Trustee for more information or call me at 559-4020.*

Many exciting things are in the works (parking lot lights, classroom building, landscaping, etc.); stay tuned for more great opportunities to SERVE!

Louie, Trustee Chair

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*

Deacon of the Week:

Louis Hertter

Trustee of the Month

Josh Dover

In Bible Study and Worship

Small Groups: 91

Worship: 100

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

General Fund	\$4,042.75
Debt Retirement	397.58
Wednesday Supper	30.00
Disaster Relief	606.25
BCM Luncheon	100.00
Operation Christmas Child	130.00

Sometimes, it's just great to bring new people into the mix.

- John Oates

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

Sunday Nights This Fall

"Old Testament Leaders"

6:00 PM

September 17 Genesis 12:1

Abraham: God Calls

Ordinary People

September 24 1 kings 21:1

Isaac: Discover the

laughter of God in Isaac

October 15 Genesis 32:23

Jacob: Limos are

reminders form God

October 22 Genesis 39-40

Joseph: Where is God when

it All Goes Wrong

October 29 Joshua 1

Joshua: Moving

from here to there

November 12 Exodus

Moses: Use What's

in your hand

We will stream Sunday Night

Study on Facebook LIVE

Gorham Outreach #GO

Block Party Saturday

September 30th; 1-3 pm



Games, Hot Dogs,

Cotton Candy

Much More

Featuring Matt Blagg

We Need Volunteers

See Lisa Hottensen

Back to Church Sunday

October 1, 2017

10:15 am



Contact - Invite - Bring

Featuring Matt Blagg

GOAL: 12 in every small group

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 September 10

Casserole: Heather

Bakery: Ruby

Fruit: Jenny

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

Illinois Baptist

Disaster Relief Team

Is heading to Houston. You

can help by donating. Call

217-391-3134; or

IBSA.org/DR

Truth:

Motion produces friction

This Week on The Ridge

Sunday, September 10

8:30 AM -Coffee and...

9:00 AM - Small Groups

10:15 AM -Morning Worship

6:00 PM - Birthday Potluck

Tuesday, September 12

12:00 PM - Adult 5 Brown Bag Luncheon

6:30 PM - Church Council Mtg.

Wednesday, September 13

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study

5:45 PM - Dinner

By reservation

Menu: pork roast, scalloped potatoes, carrots, salad, and dessert

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

Heads Up!

Thanksgiving Baskets

This year's goal is to provide 30 food baskets for families in need. The cost is \$30/ family. Please see Dennis or Karissa

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes for children.

How can you help?

During September, please bring to The Ridge:

Hygiene items: Toothbrushes (toothpaste NOT allowed), combs & brushes, wash clothes and bar soap,

Other items:

socks, caps, bandanas, sunglasses, flip-flops, kid-sized t-shirts, and jewelry.

Also seeking: Donations for shipping, \$9 a box.

Parking Lot lights scheduled to be in operation within the week!

Birth Pains of the Church

A study in Galatians

Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Freedom in Christ
Galatians 5:1-17

Jesus Creates Holy Living
Galatians 5-6

Six-Week Small Group Study
The Dark Side

September 10,
Demons
Mark 9:17-29

September 17,
The Paranormal
Deuteronomy 18:9-18

September 24,
Fear Not!
1 John 4:1-6

October 1,
Battle Armor
Ephesians 6:10-20

October 8,
Battle Plan
Matthew 4:1-10

Small groups/Sunday school
9 AM Sunday Morning

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

We have a group for everyone

RECYCLE

Used Sunday School Literature

Please place all used Sunday School quarterlies, Christian magazines, and used bibles in the box in the foyer so that they may be sent to the mission field.

Used Eclipse Glasses

We are accepting used Eclipse glasses to pass on to others. Please bring by September 10.

Recycle Aluminum

We continue to recycle any aluminum items. The proceeds are used for youth camp.

Feed the Murphysboro Red Devils Football team
3:30 pm Friday October 6th

Arriving on Campus!

New Sunday School/
Small group classrooms.

Also - an extension to the Pavilion storage area.

Sunday School and Small Group Study September 10, 2017

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

God's Plan for People
God's Plan for People
Demons
Demons

Genesis 2:4-24
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Mark 9:17-29
Mark 9:17-29

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: God's plan for people is salvation in Jesus.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Many Christians would prefer to hide their faces from the reality of evil in the world. We can say we don't want to talk about such matters, but that does not diminish the reality of evil. The wiser approach is to be aware of who it is who seeks to do us harm. We stand by knowing who it is we are standing against. And we stand against Satan when we stand in Christ, the One who defeated our great enemy.

**BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE**

MARK 9:17-29

The Devil's Deputies

PRESCHOOL



GENESIS 2:4-24

LIVE IT OUT: Remind your child that God made her and she is more special than anything else God made. Help your child learn the Bible Verse: "Everything God made is beautiful. Ecclesiastes 3:11."

In the beginning, God created the world. On the sixth day of creation, God decided to make people.

God said, "I will make man. He will be in charge of all the animals. He will take care of the plants that I have made."

The man, Adam lived in the garden of Eden. God told Adam to take care of the garden.

God brought all the animals to Adam. He told Adam, "Give each animal a name." Adam did what God told him to do.

God looked at the man He had made. He said, "The man should not be alone. I will make someone right for him." God made a woman. Adam was not alone. Adam named the woman Eve.

Adam and Eve were the first people that God made. God made Adam and Eve different from the animals. God made Adam and Eve able to think and make choices.

KIDS



GENESIS 2:4-24

LIVE IT OUT: Encourage your child by telling her that God has a plan for each person's life. God's plan for every person is to trust Jesus as Savior.

God made a man from the dust of the ground. God breathed into the man's nose. The man became a living being.

God made a garden called Eden. He put the man in the garden to work in it. The man was to watch over the garden. The garden was beautiful and rivers watered the garden.

God told the man that he could eat from any tree in the except the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

God said, "It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper for him."

The man named the animals as they came. But no helper was found for the man.

God caused the man to go into a deep sleep. He took a rib from the man's side. He made the rib into a woman. When the man saw the woman, he was excited and happy!

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Demonic forces are real, but Christ is greater.

- What do you typically do when you feel afraid?
- What evidence do you see of demonic activity in today's world?
- When have you felt God's power during a difficult circumstance?
- What are the differences between trying to fight evil versus allowing Jesus to fight evil for us?

Discuss the following quote: "Satan does not steal money, for he knows that money has no eternal value. He steals only what has eternal value—primarily the souls of men."¹

—Zac Poonen

1. "152 Quotes About Satan," Christian Quotes, [accessed 21 February 2017]. Available from the Internet: <http://www.christianquotes.info/quotes-by-topic/quotes-about-satan/?thepage=2&instance=2#part1-part-2>.

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 this week for trust in God's promises when we doubt and for when our relationship with God is not as strong as it could be.
- **COMMUNITY:** This week we studied a passage in which a father brought his son to Jesus for healing. How can you create a similar relationship ensuring that your son or daughter is at the feet of Jesus when healing or strength is needed?
- **CULTURE:** In our dark world, demons are working hard to blind us to the sins all around. Help your student to see with clear eyes and help any friends lost in the darkness.

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