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**Join Us Sunday**

Small Groups/SS	9:00AM
Morning Worship	10:15 AM
Birthday Dinner	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**  
**Battle Armor**

**The Point:** God equips us for the spiritual battles we face.

Join us Sunday at 9 AM as we study Ephesians 6:10-20 and discuss these 5 questions

1. What are some 'tools of the trade' you rely on most days?
2. What have you been taught about spiritual warfare?
3. Which piece of God's armor most resonates with you? Explain.
4. What are some real-life situations in which this armor is essential for Christ-followers?
5. How does prayer contribute to our efforts in spiritual warfare?

**We have a small group for everyone!**

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**#GO Gorham Outreach**  
September 30<sup>th</sup>

**Back to Church Sunday**  
October 1<sup>st</sup>



# The Witness



Wes Henson, Pastor

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**A big weekend for The Ridge Church as we reach out to our communities**

## Gorham Block Party

Saturday is our **Outreach to Gorham**. I am quite impressed with the number of folks signed up to help. Thank You!

**Block party is from 1-3.** The concert will start around 2:15-2:30 (last about 45 minutes). We will have a basket give away around 3 pm and Matt Blagg will finish. He will also present a gospel message through his music and words.

**Weather forecast is in the low 70's and no rain. Everyone is invited!**

**Goal:** To share the love of Jesus with the community of Gorham through music, games, food, engaging conversation, fun, and God's Word.

**Expectation of crowd:** We would love to have 50 people register. We may only have 20 or we could have 150. Whatever the number we will be happy because they are the ones God has planned for us to encounter.

## Back to Church Sunday

Then, Sunday, October 1 is "Back to Church Sunday" A Celebration with Matt Blagg in Concert. We will receive a love offering for Matt during the concert.

Please do me a favor and reach out to your family, friends, and neighbors and invite them to come to worship with you?

We Labor Together With God, Wes

**Deacon of the Week:**

Jack Peterman

**Trustee of the Month**

Shawn Wilson

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**In Bible Study and Worship**

Small Groups:	112
Worship:	121

**God's Tithe and Our Offerings**

General Fund	\$2,827.15
Debt Retirement	325.00
Wednesday Supper	162.00
Thanksgiving Baskets	90.00

Online giving to The Ridge Church is available 24/7

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**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

**Sunday Nights This Fall**

**"Old Testament Leaders"**

**6:00 PM**

**October 15 Genesis 32:23**

*Jacob: Limps Are  
Reminders from God*

**October 29 Genesis 39-40**

*Joseph: Where Is God  
When It All Goes Wrong*

**November 26 Joshua 1**

*Joshua: Moving  
from here to there*

*We will stream Sunday Night  
Study on Facebook LIVE*

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**Hospitality October 1**

Casserole: Jamie Robison

Bakery: \_\_\_\_\_

Fruit: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Nobody made a greater  
mistake than he who did nothing  
because he could do little.**

**Sunday School Small Group Goal: Twelve or Less**

Rick Howerton [www.tinyurl.com/trc-rick](http://www.tinyurl.com/trc-rick)

The number of people in a small group really does affect the group member's experience. Some have come to believe that a group of 13, 30, even 50 is capable of accomplishing the same thing in the lives of group members as a group of 12 or less.

While it may be true that the group leader can promote the same principles and practices, there are at least seven reasons why this ideology may be impractical.

1. Only a group of 12 or less will experience close, intimate relationships between most or all of its members. This is a group dynamic fact, not an opinion.
2. When a small group is more than 12, fewer and fewer people are bold enough to engage in the conversational Bible study.
3. When a group is more than 12, people begin to feel that they are unnecessary to the group and are more apt to miss meetings.
4. When a group is more than 12, there isn't time for all the group members to share their thoughts and perceptions during the conversational Bible study.
5. When a group is more than 12, in most instances, a few people ambush the conversational Bible study each week.
6. When a group is more than 12, group members are less apt to step outside their comfort zone and pray aloud for the first time, read Scripture, share their spiritual journey, etc... and it is in stepping outside our comfort zones, in faith, that God grows us.
7. When a group is more than 12, people are capable of hiding in the crowd and ultimately will get lost in it.

## This Week on The Ridge

### Sunday, October 1

8:30 AM -Coffee and...

9:00 AM - Small Groups

10:15 AM -Morning Worship

5:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

6:00 PM - Birthday Potluck

### Tuesday, October 3

6:30 PM-Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday, October 4

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study

5:45 PM - Dinner by reservation

**menu:** chicken & noodles, green

beans, mashed potatoes,

salad & dessert

6:30 PM - Adult Bible Study &  
prayer time, youth Bible study, &

children's mission activities

7:15 PM - Trustee's Meeting

### Friday, October 6

3:30 PM - Feed the Red Devils

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### Annual Community

#### Coat Drive

Collecting now through

October 6<sup>th</sup> at University Baptist  
Church with distribution at 11 am on

October 7. For more info call

618-457-0323

## 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 for information.

**Received: \$90.00**

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### Pavilion Addition Work Day

October 7th at 8:00 am

**Everyone Welcome!**

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### Hurricane Response

#### How to Help

**Pray.** Ask the Lord for doors to  
be opened. Pray that we may be  
able to access churches so they  
can assist their communities.

#### Consider giving.

Information is available at

[www.SendRelief.net](http://www.SendRelief.net)

The site contains info on giving  
and volunteering for all sites.

100% of funds will be used in  
the areas designated

## Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

**Are You Ready to Shop  
for Christmas Toys?**

### October: Toys & Fun Gifts for Children

Balls, dolls, cars, trucks,  
small tools, yo-yo's,  
flashlights w/xtr batteries,  
musical instruments,  
jump ropes, stuffed animals

#### Guidelines:

- Must fit in shoebox
- No used or damaged items
- No war related items
- No breakable items

**Money for Shipping  
Cost is \$9/box.**

Bring to The Ridge Church  
through October

## The Ridge Fall Festival Sunday October 22 5-8 PM

Make Caramel apples  
(apples provided);  
Fresh Kettle Korn,;  
Games for the Kids  
Bring a pumpkin to decorate.

Drinks and table  
service provided.  
Bring hotdogs/buns for your  
family and a dish to share.

**This is an outreach friendly event**  
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### Ridge Church Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday November 12 6-8 PM

**Provided:** Turkey  
and dressing, Mashed  
Potatoes, Gravy,

Bring sides or dessert  
Families bring 2  
Singles/Couples 1

**This is an outreach friendly event**

# The Ridge Church

# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Back to Church Sunday</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 10:15 am Morning Worship 6:00 pm Birthday Potluck	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Church council	<b>4</b> 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer 7:15 pm Trustee Mtg	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 3:30 pm Feed Murphysboro Red Devils Football team	<b>7</b> 8:00 am Work Day on The Ridge Everyone Welcome
<b>8</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 10:15 am Morning Worship 6:00 pm Evening Activities Dismissed	<b>9</b> <b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>10</b> 12:00 pm Adult 5 Brown Bag Lunch	<b>11</b> 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 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 6:00 pm Evening Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 pm Quarterly Business Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 10:15 am Morning Worship <b>5:00 pm Fall Festival</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00 pm WMU Mission in Action Meeting	<b>25</b> 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Fifth Sunday Offering</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 10:00 am Worship @ Prairie Living 10:15 am Morning Worship 6:00 pm Evening Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

## October Birthdays

8-Steve Garlinghouse

9-Helen Imhoff

11-Randy Calhoun  
Shane Laughland

12-Lois Anderson  
Allie Hottensen  
Barb Robinson

14-Carol Baggett  
Betty Jo Raney

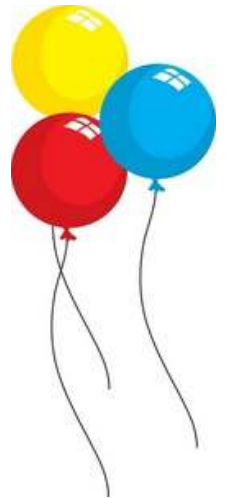
15-Mathew Phillips

18-Amy Wilson

22-Lexy Snow

23-Judy Lane

24-Doris Bush



*Please contact the office if any birthdays have been omitted.*

Events and activities subject to change. Go to [OnTheRidge.Org/Calendar](http://OnTheRidge.Org/Calendar) for the latest updates



# Sunday School and Small Group Study October 1, 2017

Preschool (birth-5)	Isaac Was Kind	Genesis 26
Children (gr 1-6)	King Saul	1 Samuel 9-15
Students (gr 7-12)	Battle Armor	Ephesians 6:10-20
Adults	Battle Armor	Ephesians 6:10-20

## ONE CONVERSATION™

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

**CONNECTION POINT:** God helps people know what to do.

**THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE:** Satan does not like it when we choose to follow and obey Christ. The great enemy of God will seek to defeat us, pull us from full devotion to Christ, and make us ineffective.

Thankfully, we are not left alone to face this great enemy. As His children, God gives us His Holy Spirit to be with us, and He equips us with everything we need to stand against Satan.

**BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE**

**EPHESIANS 6:10-20**  
Equipped for Battle

### PRESCHOOL



#### GENESIS 26:12-33

**LIVE IT OUT:** As you sit with your child, lead him to clap with you as you chant: "K-I-N-D, I can be kind." Ask your child to name ways he can be kind to family members, friends, and other people.

Isaac was a man who had many cows and sheep. One day some people put dirt in Isaac's wells. Isaac's helpers could not get water for the animals. So Isaac had to move.

Isaac found a new place to live. Isaac's helpers dug a hole in the ground and made a new well. Now Isaac would have water for his animals. Then some people who lived there said the water belonged to them. Isaac did not want to argue with the people.

So Isaac's helpers dug another well. Surely now Isaac would have water for all of his animals. Again, some people who lived there said the water belonged to them. Isaac was a kind man and did not want to argue. So Isaac moved one more time.

Isaac's helpers dug another well. This time the people who lived there did not argue with Isaac's helpers. There was plenty of water for everyone. Isaac stayed there in that land.

### KIDS



#### 1 SAMUEL 9-10; 11:12-115; 13:1-15; 15

**LIVE IT OUT:** Do you hold your child responsible for his choices? Learning about consequences helps kids understand that God holds people responsible for their choices. Even though God forgives sins, people must live with the consequences of their sins.

Saul looked for his father's donkeys. On Saul's way home, he met the prophet Samuel. Samuel brought Saul to a special feast. After the feast, Samuel poured oil on Saul's head. He said, "God will make you king of Israel."

Samuel gathered all the people. He said, "You asked for a king. God will give you a king." e found Saul. He stood much taller than the other men. They shouted, "Long live the king!"

Saul was king for many years. Sometimes, he did not make wise choices. One day, Saul led his army into battle before Samuel came to pray for them. Samuel told Saul God's message: "You will not be king. A man who will obey Me will be king."

Another time, Saul disobeyed God again. He did not destroy everything that belonged to the enemy. He kept the best things. Samuel told Saul, "God loves obedience more than anything!"

### STUDENTS

**THE POINT:** God equips us for the spiritual battles we face.

- What are some "tools of the trade" you rely on most days?
- How do we discern between a spiritual attack and just living in a fallen world?
- What are some real-life situations in which this armor is essential for Christ-followers?
- How does prayer contribute to our efforts in spiritual warfare?

Discuss the following quote: "Return to the battle again, no longer trusting in the false and insufficient human resources which so foolishly we had taken into the battle, but now trusting in the limitless resources of our risen Lord."<sup>1</sup>

—Alan Redpath

1. Alan Redpath, "38 Alan Redpath Quotes," Christian Quotes, [accessed 22 February 2017]. Available from the Internet: <http://www.christianquotes.info/quotes-by-author/alan-redpath-quotes/#wz224Z2kbnv6A5>.

**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:** Talk with your student about the different types of prayer (worship, thanksgiving, confession, etc.) and make it a point to pray together every day this week.
- **COMMUNITY:** Through Jesus, we can be at peace with God. Make a list of ways you and your student can put on shoes of peace and deliver the good news to anyone who will listen.
- **CULTURE:** Students will be exposed to the conflicts between light and darkness every day. Discuss some ways you can battle the darkness fighting as Jesus would.

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