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**Join Us Sunday**

Small Groups/SS 9:00AM  
 Morning Worship 10:15 AM  
 Evening activities Dismissed

**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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**Veterans Day Movie Night**  
 November 11, 6 PM On The Ridge

George M. Cohan as the  
**"Yankee Doodle Dandy" (1942)**  
 Starring James Cagney



# The Witness

Wes Henson, Pastor

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I'm excited to share the results from our Gorham Outreach Block Party. I'll give you the numbers first and then share a challenge.

**Registered Participants**

Attendance		Demographics		Total Attendance	
Ridge	60	20's	8	Registered	149
Kids	52	30's	12	Not registered	26
Adults	30	40	4	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>175</b>
Miscellaneous	7	50's	4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	60's	2		

We were hoping for about 50 and the Lord blessed with about 175. The day was magnificent. I must brag on the number of folks who participated from The Ridge. Not only were you there but you interacted with the Gorham folks. As Matt Blagg commented, **"That is the Church being the Church."**

Speaking of Matt Blagg, he was just the right person for the event. His music was uplifting, encouraging, and he shared the gospel through his music and testimony.

**Now the challenge is what to do next.** My prayer is that we will act on the momentum and the movement of God's blessing and become active in the community with a weekly after school event for the children. It would begin about 4 or 4:30 pm and include an activity, a snack, and a Bible lesson.

**Are you up for the challenge?** Will you be willing to support this mission opportunity? Let's pray and move forward.

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*

**Deacon of the Week:**

Don McDonald

**Trustee of the Month**

Shawn Wilson

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**In Bible Study and Worship**

Small Groups: 135

Worship: 129

**God's Tithe and Our Offerings**

General Fund \$7,352.50

Debt Retirement 382.58

Wednesday Supper 89.00

Matt Blagg Offering 919.00

Memorial - Ray Charles 1,000.00

Online giving to The Ridge Church is available 24/7

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**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

**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 8**

Casserole: Heather

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

Fruit: Jenny

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.**

**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

## This Week on The Ridge

### Sunday, October 8

8:30 AM -Coffee and...

9:00 AM - Small Groups

10:15 AM -Morning Worship

5:00 PM Evening activities Dismissed

### Monday, October 9

Columbus Day

### Tuesday, October 10

12:00 PM - Adult 5 Brown Bag Lunch

### Wednesday, October 11

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study

5:45 PM - Dinner by reservation

**Menu:** Taco Bar, salad & dessert

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

## Thank You

Thank you so much for a wonderful service, flowers and dinner after the funeral.

It meant so much us. With sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness,

The Charles Family

## 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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**Work Day On the Ridge  
October 7th at 8:00 am  
Everyone Welcome!**

There are many opportunities to help

Help us prepare for our new building, expansion of the pavilion, and get ready for the winter weather

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**Children 1-2 Fall Party  
and Wiener Roast  
Sunday, November 5**

Grades 1-6

Following Morning Worship  
Until 2:30 PM.

# SECOND NATURE

"Second Nature" Bible study begins Sunday October 15

Exploring the godly traits of 7 men & women that were "Second Nature" for them. They can be "Second Nature" for us as well.



## ► CALEB: UNWAVERING FAITH

*Numbers 13:26-30; 14:6-10,21-24*

## ► SOLOMON: UNFAILING WISDOM

*1 Kings 3:3-14; 4:29-34*

## ► RUTH: ALL-IN COMMITMENT

*Ruth 1:8-17*

## ► BARNABAS: ONGOING ENCOURAGEMENT

*Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-27; 11:19-26*

## ► JOHN: SINGLE-MINDED FOCUS

*John 1:26-34; 3:26-30*

## ► HANNAH: TRUST-FILLED PRAYER

*1 Samuel 1:9-11,17-18,26-28; 2:1-3*

## ► ANDREW: ACTIVE WITNESS

*John 1:35-42; 12:20-26*

Sundays at 9AM Arrive a little early for some, "Coffee And ..."  
There is a Small group for everyone



Gorham Block Party and  
Back to Church with Matt Blagg





# Sunday School and Small Group Study October 8, 2017

Preschool (birth-5)	God's Plan for David	I Samuel 16
Children (gr 1-6)	God's Plan for David	I Samuel 16
Students (gr 7-12)	Battle Plan	Matthew 4:1-10
Adults	Battle Plan	Matthew 4:1-10

## ONE CONVERSATION™

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

**CONNECTION POINT:** Trusting Jesus as Lord and Savior is God's plan for people.

**THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE:** Everybody encounters temptation, but what may be a strong temptation for one person may not tempt another person. Satan knows us well enough to know what he can use in his attempts to get us to sin. We might assume that, because a certain temptation feels unique to us, no one knows what we're going through. However, Jesus knows. He faced the same types of temptation we face. We can stand against temptation in the same way He did.

**BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE**

**MATTHEW 4:1-10**  
Battle Plan

### PRESCHOOL



#### 1 SAMUEL 16

**LIVE IT OUT:** Tell your child that God made him special and he can help others. Help him think of a neighbor or friend who needs help. Decide on a way to help that person; then follow through.

Jesse had eight sons. His youngest son, David, was a shepherd. David helped his father by taking care of the sheep. Sometimes, while watching the sheep, David would play music on his harp. Saul was the king of the country where Jesse and his sons lived. King Saul was not happy. His helpers said, "Let's look for someone to play the harp. The music will help you feel better." King Saul thought this was a good idea. One servant told King Saul about the shepherd who played the harp. King Saul sent his helpers to Jesse. The king's helpers said to Jesse, "King Saul needs your son David. David can help the king." Jesse packed bread and other food on a donkey for David to take to the king. David began to help King Saul. When the king felt upset, David played his harp. The music helped King Saul feel better.

### KIDS



#### 1 SAMUEL 16

**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 spoke to Samuel. "Get the oil. I have chosen a king from Jesse's sons. I am sending you to Bethlehem." Samuel went to Jesse in Bethlehem. He saw Jesse's oldest son. "This must be the one God has chosen," Samuel said. "No," God said. "Do not think about how he looks. You cannot see what I see. I can see what he thinks and feels." After Samuel had seen seven sons, he still had not found the new king. Jesse sent for David, youngest, a shepherd. Samuel poured oil on his head. From that day on, God's spirit was with David. Soon after, David came to play the harp for King Saul when he did not feel well. The music made the king feel better. The king liked David. Saul kept David stay with him to play the harp.

### STUDENTS

**THE POINT:** We can follow Jesus' example in defeating spiritual attacks.

- Where do you turn when you need a foolproof plan?
- What have you found helpful in preparing to face physical temptations?
- Why is it dangerous to test God?
- What can we learn from Jesus' example about overcoming temptation?

Discuss the following quote: "Many deceptions only appeal to us because there is something inside us that 'wants' to believe them. They are seductive because of darkness and wrong motives in our own lives. We must search our hearts and root these out."<sup>1</sup>  
—Andrew Strom

1. "28 Quotes About Deception," Christian Quotes, (accessed 22 February 2017). Available from the Internet: <https://www.christianquotes.info/quotes-by-topic/quotes-about-deception/16ac2278f9y1A5>.

**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 over any difficult trials he or she is facing. Pray for the strength to live in obedience to God.
- **COMMUNITY:** Jesus faced the cross alone, but we have the church and other Christ-followers as support during trials. Discuss with your student any friends that he or she has that may be in need of support and encouragement.
- **CULTURE:** The desire to have things now often clashes with God's standards. How can you and your family live this week in a way that demonstrates that your satisfaction comes not through worldly things, but through God's plan for your life?

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