

The Ridge Church
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Join Us Sunday

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

NEW 7 WEEK STUDY

"Second Nature"

Caleb: Unwavering Faith

The Point: Christ-centered living chooses trust in God, not in circumstances

Join us Sunday at 9 AM as we study Numbers 16,17 and discuss these 5 questions

1. When have you said, 'I can't believe my eyes'?
2. Who or what are we tempted to trust instead of God?
3. What are some fears that might keep us from trusting God's promises?
4. When has God kept His promises in a way that helped you trust Him more?
5. How can we continually remind one another of God's faithfulness?!

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



The Witness

Wes Henson, Pastor

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Of What Value Is The Scripture To Our Everyday Life?

I believe that is a foundational question and drives our desire as a congregation to listen, read, and study the scripture. For, we believe without any hesitancy that the scripture is the foundation of every aspect of our life. In fact, who believes the Bible the most, has been a point of contention for years in our Convention.



What I find quite ironic in all of this is that as loud as we shout our allegiance to the scripture almost to the point of idolatry, we fail miserably in memorizing what it contains. And, in this day of Google search it may be a moot point, since we can just "google" what we are hoping to find.

I would agree except for one little point. You see, when Jesus was tempted by the devil he did not "google" his response. Rather, he quickly, confidently responded by quoting scripture. Therefore, if Jesus needed to do that to overcome the beguiling serpent how much more do we, if we plan to resist the "flaming darts of the evil one." Our lack of desire to memorize scripture is often quite evident.

For those who are motivated and desire to remember scripture but need some assistance (myself included) let me introduce you to a free APP "Scripture-Typer"

Download it and register your account. Then look for our group and logo, "The Ridge". Join the group. Our first verse from "God's Plan For Me" is **Psalm 32:8**, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you."

Let's do this! If you need assistance, **Josh Carrington** has volunteered to help.

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*

Deacon of the Week:

Alan Dover

Trustee of the Month

Shawn Wilson

In Bible Study and Worship

Small Groups: 113

Worship: 135

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

General Fund \$3,023.10

Debt Retirement 745.00

Wednesday Supper 86.00

Thanksgiving Baskets 30.00

Online giving to The Ridge Church is available 24/7

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Home Connection

Phyllis Prowell

1 New Ballas PL

Room 122

Creve Couer, MO

63146

Please remember Phyllis 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. We will stream Sunday Night

Study on Facebook LIVE

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Hospitality October 15

Casserole: _____

Bakery: Angie

Fruit: _____

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

**Wiener Roast & Hay Ride
Saturday October 21st 6 PM**

Adult 2 & Adult Awesome

Home of Jeff & Lynette Yates

Bring a dish and a 2L to share.

**GORHAM - Trick or Treat
Tuesday October 31st**

We will partner with the Gorham Fire Department for Trick or Treat. You can go along and/or donate candy. **PLEASE** contact the office if you will attend!

**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

**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

Welcome New Member

Betty Jo Raney
58 McRaney Road
Carbondale, IL 62901

This Week on The Ridge

Sunday, October 15

8:30 AM -Coffee and...
9:00 AM - Small Groups
10:15 AM -Morning Worship
6:00 PM -Evening Worship

Wednesday, October 18

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study
5:45 PM - Dinner by reservation
Menu: fried chicken, potato, salad,
baked beans & dessert
6:30 PM - Adult Bible Study &
prayer time, youth Bible study, &
children's mission activities,
Quarterly Business Meeting

Welcome to the World!

Jaelynn Michele Anderson
Born: 10/06/2017
6 lb. 14 oz. and 19 ½" long
Parents: Anthony & Jessica
(Biggs) Anderson
Grandparents: Doug & Patricia Biggs
Great Grandmother: Myrtle Huppert

**October is
Pastor Appreciation month**

John A. Logan College
50th anniversary celebration
8:30am Saturday November 4th
free cross country 5k run/walk;
One-mile fun run;
PRE-REGISTER at www.jalc.edu/chec

**Children 1-2 Fall Party
and Wiener Roast**
Sunday, November 5
Grades 1-6

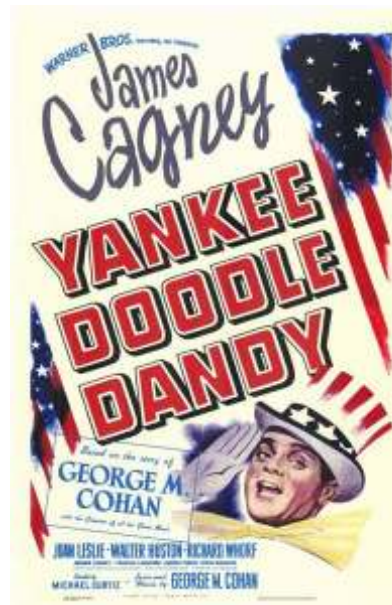
Following Morning Worship
Until 2:30 PM.
At The Pavilion - On The Ridge

Discount Costume Party!
November 10, 2017 5:30PM
Sr. High Youth

Hot dogs, s'mores, a bonfire, and
everything Halloween
(discounted, of course)
Best costume prize

Bradley and Courtney's
5530 Old Route 13
Carterville, IL 62918

Movie Night on The Ridge
6 PM Veterans Day
With Popcorn and Nachos



Christmas Cantata
"The Greatest Story
Ever Told"
Sunday December 17
10:15 AM

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

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 13:26-33; 14:6-10:27-34

▶ **SOLOMON: UNFAILING WISDOM**

1 Kings 3:7-14; 4:29-34

▶ **RUTH: ALL-IN COMMITMENT**

Ruth 1:6-17

▶ **BARNABAS: ONGOING ENCOURAGEMENT**

Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-32; 11:29-30

▶ **JOHN: SINGLE-MINDED FOCUS**

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

▶ **HANNAH: TRUST-FILLED PRAYER**

1 Samuel 1:10-11; 11:18,26-28; 21:1

▶ **ANDREW: ACTIVE WITNESS**

John 1:13-14; 12:20-26

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

Baptism: Betty Jo Raney, October 15, 2017



Children's Sermon

**October
Birthday
Potluck**



Sunday School and Small Group Study October 15, 2017

Preschool (birth-5)	David And Goliath	I Samuel 17
Children (gr 1-6)	David And Goliath	I Samuel 17
Students (gr 7-12)	Caleb	Numbers 13-14
Adults	Caleb	Numbers 13-14

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: People can trust God to help them in what they do.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: It's easy to listen to our circumstances. After all, we are surrounded by them. God may use our circumstances as a part of His plan for our lives, but God may also call us in one direction when the road signs around us point in a different direction. That's when faith steps in. We are to trust the One who is above our circumstances and calls us to trust Him.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

**NUMBERS 13:26-30;
14:6-10,21-24**
Caleb: Unwavering Faith

PRESCHOOL



1 SAMUEL 17:1-50

LIVE IT OUT: Give your child encouragement as she performs chores, does art, or plays a sport or game. Comment that God gives people the ability to do things. Thank God for making you able to do different things.

David's father told David to take food to his brothers who were in the army. David packed up the grain, bread, and cheese. He went to the camp where his brothers were. Then David found his brothers and talked to them.

While there, David heard the Philistine giant, Goliath, talk mean to the Israelites. The men backed away from the giant. David told the king he would fight Goliath.

David picked up five smooth stones. He walked to the giant. Goliath was mad that such a young man wanted to fight him. David told Goliath he came in the name of God. Both men moved toward each other. David put a stone in his sling and swung it. He let the stone go. The stone hit Goliath in the forehead. Goliath fell to the ground. David brought down Goliath and saved the Israelite people.

KIDS



1 SAMUEL 17:1-50

LIVE IT OUT: Remind your child that he can honor God by doing his best. Talk about this week's Bible verse, Psalm 100:2. Explain that God wants our joyful service.

Goliath was a huge member of the enemy armor. Every day he taunted King Saul's soldiers.

When Saul and his army heard Goliath, they were afraid.

David's father sent him with food for his brothers in the army.

When David heard the man, he told King Saul he would fight. David told the king how he had learned to kill lions and bears who tried to kill his sheep. "God will help me," David said.

David chose five stones. He put them in a bag. He carried his sling. When Goliath saw David, he said, "You are coming at me with sticks?"

David answered, "You have a dagger, a spear, and a sword. I have the name of the Lord. Today He will help me win."

David took out a stone and slung it at Goliath. The stone hit Goliath in the head. He fell to the ground. David had won!

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Christ-centered living chooses trust in God, not in circumstances.

- When have you felt like you couldn't believe your eyes?
- Who or what are we tempted to trust instead of God?
- What are some fears that might keep us from trusting God's promises?
- How does God reward those who are faithful to Him?

Discuss the following quote: "A dead thing can go with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it."¹
—G.K. Chesterton

1. G.K. Chesterton, *The Everlasting Man* (online), 1925, (accessed 27 February 2017), 172. Available from the Internet: http://www.cse.dmu.ac.uk/~mward/tgc/books/everlasting_man.pdf.

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:** Share with your student some of the verses that have shaped your relationship with Jesus and how they have impacted your life.
- **COMMUNITY:** Help your student to find promises in Scripture that are meaningful and encouraging. Then find others that can be encouraged using God's promises.
- **CULTURE:** Remind your student that as Christians, we will stand out from nonbelievers and this will not always be easy. Discuss ways that God may be calling your student to stand out from the normal. For encouragement, read Luke 12:11-12.

We have a small group and a class for everyone.

Join us Sunday at 9 AM