

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

SEVEN WEEK STUDY

"Second Nature"

Barnabas:
Ongoing encouragement

The Point: Christ-centered living chooses encouragement, not criticism.

Join us Sunday at 9 AM as we study **Acts 4,9,11** and discuss these 5 questions

1. What are some interesting nicknames you've encountered?
2. What makes generosity a source of encouragement?
3. What risks do we take when we stand up for others?
4. Why is encouragement a necessary element in the church?
5. How can you use your resources, skills, or talents to encourage others?

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



The Witness

Wes Henson, Pastor

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Why I Find It Easy To Give Through The Ridge



Thank you so much for your generosity. Debbie and I appreciate all of your kind remembrances for Pastor Appreciation month.

I also affirm your generosity as you provided candy for the children in Gorham. We had more than enough! There were 24 Ridge folks passing out candy in the community. What a great way to share the love of Jesus. Remember **TeamKID Gorham** begins this Tuesday. **We already have 10 children enrolled.**

This time of year, there are so many needs and good groups asking for some help as they assist the needs of many in our communities. I try to be sensitive to all the requests made. However, it is easiest for me to give through The Ridge Church.

I find it easy to give through The Ridge Church. I'm excited to provide Samaritan Purse shoeboxes, Halloween candy for children, Spirit of Christmas gifts, debt retirement offerings, and financial support for missionaries through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This is in addition to my regular tithe and offerings. I am so blessed by God's generosity to me how can I not be generous in sharing with others?

Over the years, many have invested their lives to show God's love and grace to others through this very congregation. I consider it a badge of honor and myself a fellow laborer with God to continue the good work and touch lives for Jesus.

Don't you?

We Labor Together With God,

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Deacon of the Week:

Steve Carrington

Trustee of the Month

Lisa Hottensen

In Bible Study and Worship

Sunday School/Small Groups: 105
Worship: 105

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

General Fund \$2,877.03
Debt Retirement 4,251.58
Wednesday Supper 80.00
Thanksgiving Baskets 190.00
Shoebox Postage 40.00
Candy for Gorham 80.00

Online giving to The Ridge Church
is available 24/7

Scan this QR code
Or, download the
Tithe.ly app from
iTunes Or, Google Play



Home Connection

(New Address)

Phyllis Prowell
5400 Executive
Parkway Rm #212
St. Peters, MO
63376

Please remember
Phyllis with a card
or a phone call.



Home
Connections!
Make one
This Week

Gorham Chili Supper
November 4th 3-8pm
Gorham Community Center
Chili - Drink Dessert
\$6; under 5 free

Hot dogs and other items
will be available for an
additional donation.

TeamKID-Gorham
Gorham community Center
November 7th
Tuesday's 4:30-5:30
K-6th grade

Please keep this mission
in your prayers.

Pray for the community, the
children who will be attending,
and the leaders.

Thank you for donating
candy for Trick or Treat.
Between 50-60 kids
enjoyed your treats

Hospitality November 5

Casserole: Lisa Hottensen

Bakery: _____

Fruit: Linda Garlinghouse

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

WRAP IT
ALL UP SUNDAY

Operation Christmas Child
Samaritan's Purse

_Money for Shipping \$9/box.
Received: \$432.00

We will receive a special
offering for shipping this
Sunday following worship

Spirit of Christmas 2017
Names will be available
this Sunday

Thank you to all who select
names and buy gifts.

Memorial

Dear Ridge Church-

Our mother/mother-in-law
passed away last year at this
time, and we would like to
give this check in honor
of her memory.

Rose Kline was a wonderful,
loving, supportive mother
and grandmother, and we
are so grateful and blessed
to have had her in our
lives all these years.

Her church meant a lot to her
and her faith was strong.

Thank you to her church
family for all the love shared
with her over the years.

Sincerely,
Rodger and Marge Kline
and Family

This Week on The Ridge

Sunday, November 5

8:30 AM -Coffee and...

9:00 AM - Small Groups

10:15 AM -Morning Worship

Children 1-2 Wiener Roast

after worship

5:00 PM -Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:00 PM - Birthday Potluck

Tuesday, November 7

4:30 PM - TeamKID -Gorham

6:30 PM - Church Council Mtg.

Wednesday, November 8

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study

5:45 PM - Dinner by reservation

Menu: biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs and sausage & dessert

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

7:15 PM - Gorham TeamKID Training

Friday, November 10

5:30 PM -Sr. High Youth Discount Costume Party

Saturday, November 11

6:00 PM - Movie Night on the Ridge

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

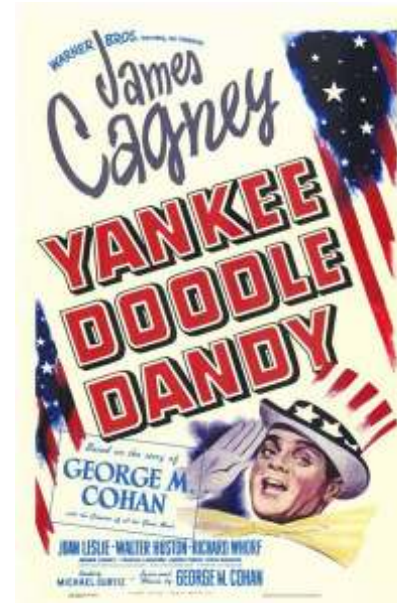
Discount Costume Party!
November 10, 2017 5:30PM
Sr. High Youth

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



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

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: \$370.00

Goal: \$900.00

Thanksgiving
Basket Assembly
We will assemble the Thanksgiving Baskets after evening worship on November 19th.

If you can assist in distributing the baskets, please contact Dennis/Karissa Howell 618.687.4126

Christmas Cantata
Sunday December 17
10:15 AM

"The Greatest Story Ever Told"

A Week on The Ridge



Sunday School and Small Group Study November 5, 2017

Preschool (birth-5)	God Cared for Elijah	1 Kings 17:8-24
Children (gr 1-6)	God Cared for Elijah	1 Kings 17:8-24
Students (gr 7-12)	Barnabas	Acts 4, 9, 11
Adults	Barnabas	Acts 4, 9 11

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: People can be encouraged by God's love through Jesus.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: No one likes to go it alone. We want to know someone has our back or is standing with us. We carry out our responsibilities better when someone is encouraging us. In the Book of Acts, Barnabas was just such an encourager. He modeled for us how we can positively impact others through a Christ-centered lifestyle of encouragement.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

ACTS 4:36-37; 9:26-27; 11:19-26

Barnabas: Ongoing Encouragement

PRESCHOOL



1 KINGS 17:8-24

LIVE IT OUT: Review the Bible story with your child. Talk about ways God cares for your family. Help your child find magazine or catalog pictures of things God provides and glue them to a paper. Thank God for His care.

No rain had fallen in a long time. God told Elijah that it would not rain for a long time. God told Elijah to go to a town. There a woman would give him food and water.

When Elijah got to the town, a woman was gathering sticks to build a fire. "Would you bring me some water?" Elijah asked. "And please bring me a piece of bread, too."

The woman said, "I only have a little bit of flour and oil. I was going to make bread for my son and myself."

Elijah said, "Go home and make some bread for me. Then make some bread for you and your son. You will have enough flour and oil until God sends rain."

Every day the woman made bread for Elijah, herself, and her son. The flour and oil were not used up, just as Elijah had said. God took care of Elijah, the woman, and her son.

KIDS



1 KINGS 17:8-24

LIVE IT OUT: Talk about ways God cares for your family and write them down on paper. After each statement write the words of Psalm 86:15 to create a litany. Read the litany during a family worship time.

God told Elijah to go to the city. "I told a widow there to take care of you," God said.

Elijah stood by the city gate. He saw the widow. She was picking up sticks of wood. He called to her. "Please give me some water and bread."

The woman said, "I have nothing baked. I have only a little flour and oil. I am getting sticks to make a fire. Then I will bake our food. Then we will die."

Elijah said, "Don't be afraid. Do what you planned, but first give me a little bread. God said that your flour jar will not get empty. Your oil jug will not run dry until God sends rain."

The widow did what Elijah told her to do. Then she and those in her house had food for many days. The flour jar did not get empty. The oil jar did not run dry. God kept His promise.

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Christ-centered living chooses encouragement, not criticism.

- What nicknames have you been called over the years?
- How did Barnabas's actions in this passage encourage others?
- Who has encouraged your spiritual growth over the years?
- Why is encouragement a necessary element in the church?

Discuss the following quote: "I would go into the deeps a hundred times to cheer a downcast spirit: it is good for me to have been afflicted that I might know how to speak a word in season to one that is weary." ¹ —Charles Spurgeon

1. Charles Spurgeon, *The Soul Winner: How to Lead Sinners to the Saviour* (New York: Scripture Press, 2015).

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:** Ask your student if there are any areas in which he or she needs encouragement. Then determine if there is a specific prayer that your student can pray each day to gather encouragement by forming a deeper relationship with Christ.
- **COMMUNITY:** Discuss with your student ways that your family can use your talents, skills, and resources to encourage others.
- **CULTURE:** Our world is not known as being a place that encourages others. How can your family stand against the stream by acting as encouragers?

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