

The Ridge Church
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Join Us Sunday

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

SEVEN WEEK STUDY

"Second Nature"

John:
Single Minded Focus

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

Join us Sunday at 9 AM as we Study **John 1:26-34; 3:26-30** and discuss these 5 questions

1. If you could be a spokesperson for any product, what would it be?
2. How does our culture determine who is important or worthy of attention?
3. What are some key moments that have shaped your understanding of Jesus?
4. How has God used your story to communicate the truth about Jesus to others?
5. What are some practical ways we can honor Jesus in our everyday lives?

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



The Witness

Wes Henson, Pastor

November 12, 2017

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TeamKID Gorham

What a great response we had from the community of Gorham Tuesday as we began week one of TeamKID Gorham. There were 10 children from the community who were able to hear the gospel, play games, learn about missions, remember Scripture, and enjoy some refreshments and fellowship .

I know there are many who are supporting this mission with prayers, money, and time. I would specifically like to mention and give a **BIG "Hats off"** to those who were able to be in Gorham on Tuesday



Betty Wilson
Amy Wilson
Debi Hanson
Dennis Howell
Avis Barrett
Matt Phillips

Jakob Wilson
Jillian Wilson
Kaitlyn Wilson
Aidon Wilson
Allie Hottensen

I hope to see you Saturday night for the showing of "Yankee Doodle Dandy." This is the original black and white production. The title was selected to complement Veterans Day Recognition. Nachos and Popcorn will be available

Sunday Night 6 PM is our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. PLEASE make every attempt to attend. This is a great time of fellowship and ohh my, such GREAT FOOD!

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*

Deacon of the Week:

Mike Garlinghouse

Trustee of the Month

Lisa Hottensen

In Bible Study and Worship

Sunday School/Small Groups: 135
Worship: 109

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

General Fund \$5,134.00
Debt Retirement 762.58
Wednesday Supper 132.00
Thanksgiving Baskets 250.00
Shoebox Postage 112.00
Rose Kline Memorial 100.00

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



Bonnie Wheaton
900 Villa Court
Carbondale, IL
62901

Please remember
Bonnie with a card
or a phone call.

Home
Connections!
Make one
This Week

**TeamKID-Gorham
Gorham community Center**

November 14th

Tuesday's 4:30-5:30

K-6th grade

TeamKID This Week

- God Calls a People -
Abraham Counts the Stars
Genesis 15, 18, 21

Bible Verse Ephesians 2:8

Point:

The Bible is God's message
about Himself and how He
rescues and transforms us.

Please keep this mission
in your prayers.

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

TeamKID training for week 3

Wednesday 7:30 PM

Training open to everyone

Hospitality November 12

Casserole: Dennis/Karissa

Bakery: Jenny

Fruit: Imogene

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

**Save the Date
February 24/25**

February 24

SS/Small Group

Workers Banquet

Guest Speaker: Josh Hunt

Details To Be Announced

February 25

Josh will speak during the
SS/Small group hour
and Worship

More Details to follow



**Christmas
On The Ridge
December 2017**

Saturday December 2

6 PM Lights Fantastic Parade

Sunday December 3

6 PM Birthday Potluck

Sunday December 17

10:15 AM Cantata:

Greatest Story Ever Told

6:00 PM Children's Program

12 Symbols of Christmas

Dessert social to follow

Sunday December 24

5:30 PM Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service



**All events are free
Bring your friends
and family**

This Week on The Ridge

Sunday, November 12

8:30 AM -Coffee and...

9:00 AM - Small Groups

10:15 AM -Morning Worship

5:00 PM - Deacons Meet

6:00 PM -Church-wide

Thanksgiving Dinner

Tuesday, November 14

12:00 PM - BCM Luncheon

4:30 PM - TeamKID -Gorham

Wednesday, November 15

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study

5:45 PM - Dinner by reservation

Menu: ham, scalloped potatoes,
corn, salad and dessert

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

7:30 PM - Gorham TeamKID Training

Reminder:

All **Spirit Of Christmas Gifts**

need to be returned to

The Ridge Church By

Sunday November 26

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

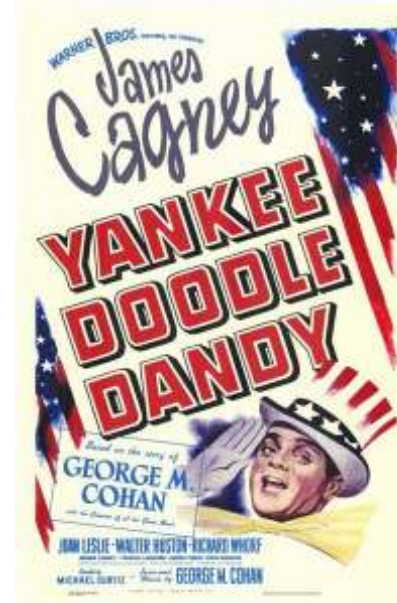
Bradley and Courtney's
5530 Old Route 13
Carterville, IL 62918

Proposed Budget for 2018
2018 Budget will be presented
and discussed on Wednesday
November 15 and voted on
Sunday Morning December 19.

Copies will be available
this Sunday at the
Information Center

Know the Mission
Stay Focused
On The Mission

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: \$620.00

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

Thanksgiving Lord's Supper
Sunday November 19 6 pm

*Everyone will have an
opportunity to share their
thanksgivings from 2017*

A Week on The Ridge



Birthdays in November

Digging for Treasure



Children's Party Marshmallows and S'mores

Week
One
at
Gorham



Sunday School and Small Group Study November 12, 2017

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

Elijah Prayed to God
God Protected Elijah
John
John

1 Kings 18; James 5
1 Kings 19:1-8
Acts 4, 9, 11
Acts 4, 9 11

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: People living for Jesus can pray and receive God's help.

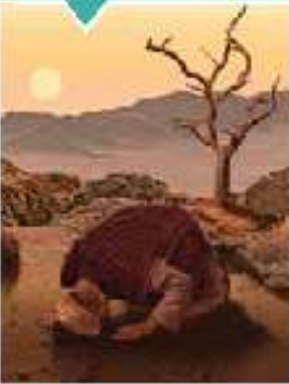
THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Self-centered living defines this world. The rationale for many is that, if this life is all there is, you should do all you can to enjoy it for yourself. Exalt yourself and try to give yourself significance. But this life is not all there is, and we are not the centers of our own little universe. It's all about Jesus Christ. When we encounter Christ and choose Him over ourselves, we truly find significance.

**BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE**

JOHN 1:26-34; 3:26-30

*John the Baptist:
Single-Minded Focus*

PRESCHOOL



1 KINGS 18:1-2,41-46

LIVE IT OUT: Help your child learn to pray. Let her hear you pray. Offer opportunities for her to pray. Instead of memorized prayers, encourage your child to use her own words to talk to God.

No rain had fallen for a long time. Plants would not grow. People and animals needed food to eat and water to drink.

God told Elijah, "I will send rain. Go and tell the king."

After Elijah told the king, Elijah and his helper went up to the top of a mountain. Elijah talked to God (prayed). Elijah asked God to send rain.

Elijah told his helper to go and look toward the sea. The helper looked but saw no clouds. "Go back," Elijah said.

One, two, three, four, five, six times, Elijah told his helper to look. On the seventh time, Elijah's helper saw a very small cloud out over the sea. It was about the size of a man's hand. Elijah knew God had heard his prayer.

Soon there were more dark clouds in the sky. The wind began to blow. Rain began to fall. The rain fell just as God had promised.

KIDS



1 KINGS 19:1-8

LIVE IT OUT: Help your child think of times she is afraid. Talk about what she can do when she is afraid—say a prayer or recite a Bible verse. Help her memorize Psalm 46:1. This verse will assure her that God has the power to protect her.

The king told the queen that Elijah had called on God and God sent fire down from heaven. The prophets of the idol Baal were dead.

The queen was angry! She sent a message to Elijah. The message warned Elijah that she would find him and kill him.

Elijah was afraid. He ran away and traveled for a day in the wilderness. He was tired. He sat under a tree and prayed to die.

Elijah went to sleep under the tree. An angel woke him. The angel said, "Get up and eat." Elijah saw a loaf of bread and a jug of water. He ate and drank. Then he went back to sleep!

The angel came back. He woke Elijah again. "Get up and eat. If you don't, the trip may be too hard for you." Elijah got up. He ate and drank.

Elijah felt stronger. In fact, he was able to walk for 40 days and 40 nights! He walked to the mountain of God.

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Christ-centered living chooses to exalt Christ, not self.

- If you could be a spokesperson for any product, what would it be?
- How does our culture determine who is important or worthy of attention?
- What are some key moments that have shaped your understanding of Jesus?
- What are some symptoms of a life that is self-focused?

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:** Discuss with your student ways in which he or she can decrease self in order to make more room for Christ. Pray daily that your student would allow Christ to increase in his or her life.
- **COMMUNITY:** Ensure that your student has an accountability partner. If not, help him or her to find a friend to fill this role.
- **CULTURE:** God has called us to impact people for the kingdom. Create a list of ways you and your student can be an expression of who God has made you to be based on your personality, style, and gifts.

Discuss the following quote: "John the Baptist never performed any miracles. Yet, he was greater than any of the Old Testament prophets." —Leonard Ravenhill

1. Leonard Ravenhill, "Leonard Ravenhill Quotes," AZ Quotes, [accessed 6 March 2017]. Available from the Internet: <http://www.aquotes.com/quote/670194>.

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