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### Join Us Sunday

Small Groups/SS 9:00AM  
Morning Worship 10:15 AM  
Lord's Supper 6:00 PM

### Wednesday Night is Family Night

**All activities dismissed this week**

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"

*Hannah: trust-filled prayer*

**The Point:** Christ-centered living chooses prayer, not hopelessness.

Join us Sunday at 9 AM as we Study 1 Samuel 1:9-11,17-18, 26-28; 2:1-3 and discuss these 5 questions

1. What's something you know you should be doing but haven't started?
2. What are some ways people deal with deep disappointment or unresolved pain?
3. What have you been taught about the nature and purpose of prayer?
4. When have you been blessed by an answered prayer?
5. What are some practical ways to cultivate a lifestyle of gratitude?

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



# The Witness

Wes Henson, Pastor

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## Entitlement And Thanksgiving

Thom Rainer <http://tinyurl.com/TRC-tret>

If I feel entitled, I complain about my job.

If I am thankful, I am grateful to have a job.

If I feel entitled, I complain about the meal I'm eating.

If I am thankful, I am grateful to have food on the table.

If I feel entitled, I complain that the government does not do enough for me.

If I am thankful, I ask what I can first do for others.

If I feel entitled, I complain about my spouse.

If I am thankful, I express gratitude that someone has put up with me all these years.

If I feel entitled, I complain about living paycheck to paycheck.

If I am thankful, I am grateful simply to have a paycheck.

If I feel entitled, I complain about what's wrong with my church.

If I am thankful, I am ever grateful for the freedom to worship.

If I feel entitled, I complain about the deficiencies of different family members.

If I am thankful, I am grateful that I have a family that loves and cares for me.

If I feel entitled, I complain about the lousy weather we're having.

If I am thankful, I am grateful to be a free person regardless of the weather.

If I feel entitled, I complain to God about why He is treating me so unfairly.

If I am thankful, I know that I deserve nothing good, that all gifts are an act of grace.

*Dear Lord, forgive me for my sense of entitlement. Remind me to rejoice in all things, and in all things to be thankful. Remind me to count my blessings. And remind me when my heart begins to stray from thanksgiving to entitlement.*

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*

**Deacon of the Week:**

Steve Carrington

**Trustee of the Month**

Lisa Hottensen

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**In Bible Study and Worship**

Sunday School/Small Groups: 133

Worship: 112

**God's Tithe and Our Offerings**

General Fund	\$2,331.01
Debt Retirement	628.39
Wednesday Supper	106.00
Thanksgiving Baskets	180.00
Shoebox Postage	60.00

**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**



Richard Stewart  
2950 W. Westridge  
Place  
Carbondale, IL  
62901

Please remember  
Richard with a card  
or a phone call.

Home  
Connections!  
Make one  
This Week

**TeamKID-Gorham  
Gorham community Center**

November 21<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday's 4:30-5:30

K-6<sup>th</sup> grade

**TeamKID This Week**

**God Delivers His People**

The parting of the Red Sea  
Exodus 13-14

**Bible Verse Exodus 14:14**

**Point:**

Do you need God to help you?  
God delivers us (or saves us),  
not just once, but every  
day of our lives.

Please keep this mission  
in your prayers.

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

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**Thank you for your  
prayerful support each week.  
God is at work!**

**Hospitality November 19**

**Casserole:** Amy Wilson

**Bakery:** Angie James

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

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

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**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:

*The 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 19

8:30 AM -Coffee and...

9:00 AM - Small Groups

10:15 AM -Morning Worship

5:00 PM - Adult Choir

6:00 PM -Thanksgiving Lords Supper

### Tuesday, November 21

4:30 PM - TeamKID -Gorham

### Wednesday, November 22

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study

Evening Activities Dismissed

### Thursday, November 23

The church office closed

For Thanksgiving.

### Friday, November 24

Church Office Closed

### **Reminder:**

**All Spirit Of Christmas Gifts**

need to be returned to

The Ridge Church By

Sunday November 26

**We have 2 more names.**

**If you want one please**

**call the office**

## Information You need

### **Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Proposed Budget for 2018

will be voted on after

Morning Worship Service

### **Sunday Night 6 PM**

**Annual Thanksgiving Lord's**

**Supper Observance**

Join us as we give testimony to the Lord's blessings this past year. Everyone will have an opportunity to share.

**Following the service,** we ask you to remain and help fill Thanksgiving Baskets. They will be delivered on Monday. If you can help with delivery see Dennis and Karissa

### **Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes**

70 shoeboxes were filled and are being delivered to children all over the world!

## "The Greatest Story Ever Told"

**Presented by the Ridge Choir**

**Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**10:15 AM**

*Experience the story of the birth of Jesus Christ from the viewpoints of many who witnessed it firsthand.*

**Free and open to everyone**

**Tickets will be available after Thanksgiving.**

**We are expecting a full house!**

Get your tickets early and pick some up for your friends

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### **Thanksgiving Day Assignment**

How will you spend Thanksgiving?

Take a picture or two and text it

**(314) 884-1518 (Google #)**

Let everyone know how you spent your day!

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**Congratulations**

**Gunnery Sgt Shane Greer**

Recruiter of the Year 2017

*"Keeping The Boat Straight"*

## **Because of Bethlehem**

Is a 4-session Advent Bible study with Max Lucado.

This is a free Bible Study open to everyone

**Join us Wednesdays beginning**

**November 30 at 6:30 PM**

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**Four questions guests have about your Bible study group**

- 1. Will I be asked to read out loud?**
- 2. Will someone ask me to pray in front of the group?**
- 3. Will I learn things that will help me day-to-day?**
- 4. Since I already attend worship, why should I go to a Bible study group?**

**How would you respond to their questions?**

Ken Braddy

[www.tinyurl.com/trc-KB-4](http://www.tinyurl.com/trc-KB-4)





# A Week on The Ridge



Some Yankee  
Doodle Dandy's



TeamKID  
Gorham



Thanksgiving Dinner  
Everyone left very full!  
Thank You Jamie and  
Nikki for your planning  
and hard work!





# Sunday School and Small Group Study November 19, 2017

Preschool (birth-5)	Elisha and the widow	2 Kings 4:1-7
Children (gr 1-6)	Elisha and the widow	2 Kings 4:1-7
Students (gr 7-12)	Hannah	1 Samuel 1-2
Adults	Hannah	1 Samuel 1-2

## ONE CONVERSATION™

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

**CONNECTION POINT:** Prayer helps people know Jesus.

**THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE:** During the Thanksgiving season, our thoughts rightfully turn to the things for which we can thank God. But what about those areas of life where thanksgiving is hard? Hannah was a woman who did not resign herself to the hardship she faced. She was despondent, but she sought God's help and trusted Him with the answer. Thanksgiving and praise can flow from our trust that, regardless of what we face, God is with us and is working on our behalf.

**BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE**

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

*Hannah: Trust-filled Prayer*

### PRESCHOOL



**2 KINGS 4:1-7**

**LIVE IT OUT:** Draw a large *O* in the center of a sheet of paper. Give your child crayons, markers, or stickers to decorate the paper. Say: "Obey starts with *o*. You can obey God."

Elisha traveled and told people messages from God. One day a woman called to Elisha, "My husband has died. I owe money to others. I have no money."

Elisha asked her what she had. She only had a jar of oil. Elisha told the woman to borrow empty containers from her neighbors. She should go in her house, close the door, and start pouring oil into the empty containers.

The woman and her sons got many containers. She began to pour the oil from her jar. Her sons kept bringing her containers, and she kept pouring oil into them. When all the containers were full, the jar the woman had been pouring from was finally empty.

Elisha told the woman to sell the oil and pay what she owed. She would have enough money left to live on. God helped the woman have what she needed.

### KIDS



**2 KINGS 4:1-7**

**LIVE IT OUT:** Why should we obey God? Talk with your child about how he would answer this question. Help your child compose a prayer, asking God to help him be obedient.

A widow came to Elisha. "My husband is dead. I cannot pay my bills. So, people are coming to take my children. They will make my sons their slaves."

"What do you have in the house?" Elisha asked.

"Only a little oil," said the widow.

Elisha said, "Go home. Get as many jars as you can. Ask your neighbors. Get lots of jars! Go into your house with your sons. Close the door. Pour oil into the containers."

The widow did as Elisha said. She closed the door. Her sons kept bringing jars to her. She kept pouring the oil from the little oil she started with! She filled many jars.

When there were no more jars, the oil stopped.

Elisha told the widow, "Sell the oil. Pay what you owe. You and your sons will have enough money to live on."

### STUDENTS

**THE POINT:** Christ-centered living chooses prayer, not hopelessness.

- When have you been persistent in asking for something you really wanted?
- What are some ways people deal with deep disappointment or unresolved pain?
- How have God's responses to your prayers shaped your understanding of Him?
- What are some practical ways to cultivate a lifestyle of gratitude?

Discuss the following quote: "When we make self the end of prayer, it is not worship but self-seeking." <sup>1</sup> —Thomas Manton

1. Thomas Manton, *The Complete Works of Thomas Manton*, Vol. 4 (London: James Nisbet & Co, 1817): 239.

**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 together with your student every night this week and determine ways you can each improve your prayer life.
- **COMMUNITY:** Share prayer requests and concerns with your student. Create a combined list and commit to praying for those names throughout the week.
- **CULTURE:** When life becomes tough, even nonbelieving friends may reach to God in prayer. Discuss with your student how we can use these opportunities to share the truth about prayer and the gospel with our friends.

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