

The Ridge Church
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Join Us Sunday

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

Andrew: Active Witness

The Point: Christ-centered living chooses invitation, not indifference.

Join us Sunday at 9 AM as we Study John 1:35-42; 12:20-26 and discuss these 5 questions

1. What's the best sales pitch you've heard?
2. How did someone introduce you to Jesus?
3. What can we learn from the examples of John the Baptist and Andrew in this passage?
4. What questions might a nonbeliever have about Christ?
5. How would you describe the challenges and benefits of following Christ?

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



The Witness

Wes Henson, Pastor

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Never a Good Reason



Before we jump into the Advent and Christmas season I want to use this occasion to **encourage everyone** to **verbalize** (vocalize) **thanksgiving when the opportunities arise.**

It is clear the scriptures instruct us to:

"Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—" Psalm 107:2

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15

In the account of the 10 Lepers (**Luke 17**) who are healed and only one returns to say thank you, Jesus responds, *"Has no one returned to give glory to God ...?"*

There is **never** a good reason not to give a testimony of Thanksgiving to God when an opportunity arises, **never!** Those who shared testimonies of Thanksgiving Sunday night touched my heart. Thank you for your encouragement.

As you sit down for your Thanksgiving meal this Thursday, remember to say thank you, give a testimony of Thanksgiving, and give God glory! **God expects it!**

"How Can I Keep from Singing" Chris Tomlin.

"How can I keep from singing your praise? How can I ever say enough?

How amazing is your love. How can I keep from shouting your name?

I know I am loved by the King and it makes my heart want to sing.

We Labor Together With God,

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Deacon of the Week:

Alan Dover

Trustee of the Month

Lisa Hottensen

In Bible Study and Worship

Sunday School/Small Groups: 139

Worship: 99

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

General Fund \$2,780.18

Debt Retirement 522.69

Wednesday Supper 66.00

Online giving to The Ridge Church

is available 24/7



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Home Connection



Venida McKinnies
Parkway Manor
Room 207
Marion, IL 62959

Please remember
Venida with a card
or a phone call.

Home
Connections!
Make one
This Week

TeamKID-Gorham

Gorham community Center

November 28th

Tuesday's 4:30-5:30

K-6th grade

TeamKID This Week

God Offers Atonement

Leviticus 16:3-28

Bible Verse Leviticus 16:24

Point:

The Bible teaches people how
God wants them to live

Jesus followers should never
forget the Holiness of God and
the high price Jesus paid so
that we could be in a right
relationship with him.

Please keep this mission
in your prayers.

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

Hospitality November 26

Casserole: Betty Wilson

Bakery: Mary McDonald

Fruit: _____

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:

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 26

8:30 AM -Coffee and...

9:00 AM - Small Groups

10:15 AM -Morning Worship

5:00 PM - Adult Choir

6:00 PM -Evening Devotion

Tuesday, November 28

4:30 PM - TeamKID -Gorham

Wednesday, November 29

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study

5:45 PM - Dinner by

Reservation **Menu:** chicken

tetrazzini, slaw, corn,

salad and dessert

6:30 PM - Adult & Youth Bible

Study and prayer time, and

childrens mission activities

Saturday, December 2

6:00 PM - Lights

Fantastic Parade

Information You need

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!

Reminder:

Spirit Of Christmas Gifts are
due at The Ridge Church Sunday

Join us Wednesdays
November 29 at 6:30 PM

Because of Bethlehem

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

This is a free Bible Study
open to everyone

"The Greatest Story Ever Told"

Presented by the Ridge Choir

Sunday December 17th

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

Sunday November 26

9 AM Adult Small Groups

Andrew: Active Witness

10:15 AM Worship

Christ the King

John 12:9-19

6:00 PM Devotion

Moses: What's in your hand?

Exodus 4:1-4

Jesus Changes EVERYTHING

7 week small group study

Jesus came to bring us into a
relationship with God—and
that changes everything.

Join us Sundays beginning
December 3 at 9 AM as we begin
a new study on the life of Jesus.
He showed us how He cares
about every aspect of our lives.

December 3 - Jesus Calls
Mark 1:14-20

December 10 - Jesus Teaches
Mark 4:1-9

December 17 - Jesus Rules
Mark 4:35-41

December 24 Jesus saves
Luke 2:4-20

December 31 - Jesus heals
Mark 5:22-24,35-43

January 7- Jesus Provides
Mark 6:34-44

January 14 - Jesus Corrects
Mark 7:5-15



34 Thanksgiving Baskets filled

A Week on The Ridge



Before



Thanksgiving Then
Christmas

During



Just
Chillin'



TeamKID
Gorham

After



Sunday School and Small Group Study November 26, 2017

Preschool (birth-5)	A Couple Helps Elisha	1 Kings 4:8-17
Children (gr 1-6)	A Couple Helps Elisha	1 Kings 4:8-37
Students (gr 7-12)	Andrew	John 1:35-42; 12:20-26
Adults	Andrew	John 1:35-42; 12:20-26

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: Jesus came to show God's love for people.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: For many believers, evangelism is something we know we should do, but we're uncomfortable with it. The reason is because we think we're supposed to be salespersons, and if we don't "close the deal" which leads to a conversion, we have not succeeded. The correct model is seen in Andrew. Andrew simply introduced people to Jesus and invited them to make the same discovery about Him that he had made.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

JOHN 1:35-42; 12:20-26

Andrew: Active Witness

PRESCHOOL



2 KINGS 4:8-17

LIVE IT OUT: Provide a simple dollhouse or dollhouse furniture and blocks for your child. Help him build a room and add furniture. Comment that a family showed love for Elisha by building him a room.

Elisha was one of God's special helpers. He walked from town to town, telling people about God.

Elisha often went to a town called Shunem. There he met a rich woman. The woman knew that Elisha told people about God. She invited Elisha to eat with her and her husband. Every time Elisha went to Shunem, he ate at the woman's house.

One day the woman said to her husband, "Let's build a room for Elisha." The woman and her husband built the room on the roof of their house. Inside the room they placed a bed, table, lamp, and chair.

When Elisha returned to Shunem, he went to the woman's house. The woman and her husband showed Elisha the new room they had built for him. Now Elisha had a special place to rest when he came to town.

KIDS



2 KINGS 4:8-37

LIVE IT OUT: Help your child know that God loves all people. Remind her that Jesus died for everyone. Encourage your child to pray for people in other countries to know Jesus.

A woman often invited Elisha to eat at her house. One day, she said to her husband, "Elisha is a man of God. Let's make a room upstairs. We can put a bed, table, chair, and lamp in it. He can stay when he comes here."

After the room was built, Elisha asked the woman how he could thank her. Elisha's servant knew the woman had no son. He told Elisha. Elisha told the woman that she would have a baby son in about a year. And she did!

When the boy was old enough, his father took him out to the fields. The boy felt sick. He died that morning.

The mother went to Elisha. She asked him to help her.

Elisha came. He went in the room with the boy. He prayed. He lay on the boy. Elisha walked up and down. Then he bent over the boy. Suddenly the boy sneezed 7 times and woke up!

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Christ-centered living chooses invitation, not indifference.

- When have you been convinced by a great sales pitch to buy something you didn't necessarily need?
- What can we learn from the examples of John the Baptist and Andrew?
- How much do we have to know about Jesus before we can talk about Him with someone else?
- What would you tell someone about the challenges and benefits of following Jesus?

Discuss the following quote: "God forbid that I should travel with anybody a quarter of an hour without speaking of Christ to them." ¹ —George Whitefield

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:** Is your desire to share the gospel a result of the overflow of your love for Jesus? Discuss with your student ways that you can share your experiences with Christ.
- **COMMUNITY:** Ask your student if he or she thinks God is calling them to share the gospel with someone specific this week. Encourage and help your student to reach others with the story of Christ.
- **CULTURE:** What trend or piece of gossip are you most excited about? How can you ensure that Jesus is the thing you and your student are most excited to share?

1. George Whitefield, "52 George Whitefield Quotes," Christian Quotes, accessed 6 March 2017. Available from the Internet: <https://www.christianquotes.info/quotes-by-author/george-whitefieldquotes/#:~:text=and%26>

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