

The Ridge Church
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Join us Sunday Morning

8:30 am "Coffee And ..."

9:00 am Sunday School/Small Groups

10:15 am Morning Worship

Evening Activities Dismissed

Wednesday Night is Family Night

5:30 PM Supper (by Reservation)

6:30 PM

Bible Study and Prayer

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 Jesus Changes Everything *Jesus Corrects*

The Point:

Jesus calls us to a higher standard

Join us Sunday at 9 AM as we study Mark 7:5-15 and discuss these 5 questions

1. What are some social customs or traditions you were taught to follow?
2. What are some factors that cause modern Christians to neglect God's commands?
3. What sorts of things might tempt people to twist God's commands?
4. How would you summarize Jesus' teaching in verses 14-15?
5. How does this passage reveal the difference between the teachings of Jesus and 'religious' behavior?



The Witness

Wes Henson, Pastor

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Gorham Outreach and Ministry



Wednesday night we had a great discussion on our future ministry in Gorham.

It all began last summer as we sponsored a 5 day Bible club. Then, a block party was planned and we participated in the community's "Trunk or Treat" effort. In November, we began a 6 week after School program that included a bible study, mission study, Bible verse memory, games and refreshments.

The discussion last night centered on future ministry ideas.

Ideas included - VBS in the community July 9-13, 5:30-8 pm. Begin with a light supper. Include an adult and youth bible study at the same time.

Movie night, Easter Egg Hunt, work day to do light yard work in the community, coordinate the delivery of lunch meals in the summer for the children, begin an "adopt a grandparent" ministry, provide Monday- Friday activities during spring break (March 30-April 6), continue with the Tuesday after school program in 6 week cycles.

Begin a weekly Bible Study/Worship time in the community supported by the people from the Ridge church. Perhaps meeting on a Sunday afternoon. This service would be in lieu of our Sunday night service.

As you pray, ask the Lord how we can reach the community.

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*



Deacon of the Week:

Jeff Yates

Trustee of the Month

Chris Robison

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

General Fund	\$3,309.00
Lottie Moon	110.00
Debt Retirement	227.58
Wednesday Supper	28.00



Happy Birthday

Home Connection



Rosa Spiller

710 N. Allyn
Carbondale, IL
62901

Please remember
Rosa with a card
or a phone call.

Home Connections!
Make one This Week

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



Hospitality January 14

Casserole: Lisa Hottensen

Bakery: _____

Fruit: Avis Barrett

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



Vacation Bible School

June 11-15; 9 am - Noon
Ages 4 yrs thru
completed 6th grade

VBS Training Clinics

March 3 -

FBC, Carterville, 8:30- Noon,

OR

March 17-

Pleasant Hill, Mt Vernon,
8:30 - Noon

Coming Up In January

Wednesday Children Activities

We are in need of a team to provide activities for our children in grades 1-6 beginning January 3rd. Karen Dover and Carla Bishop will lead during January.

Winter Bible Study 1 Peter

Wednesday January 17, 6:30 pm

1 Peter 1:13-2:12 Serious

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday January 17, 6:30 pm

NEW Small Group Study

Sunday January 21, 9 AM

Made for Something More - I Am Wonderfully Made

God our Creator sees us with great value, a value others may dismiss or ignore. Every person matters—you matter—and we honor God when we value life as He does.

Sunday School/Small Group Workers meeting

January 21, 5:00 PM

This is our first meeting of the New Year. The agenda will include Josh Hunt Weekend Moving classrooms to the new building

VBS training in March

If you are unable to attend, please contact the pastor

This Week on The Ridge

Sunday, January 14

8:30 AM - Coffee and....

9:00 AM - Sunday School
and Small Groups

Evening Activities Dismissed

Monday, January 15

The Church Office is closed
in observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Wednesday, January 17

7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Time

5:45 PM - Dinner by
reservation **menu:** mostaccioli,
garlic bread, salad and dessert
6:30 PM - Adult Prayer time,
Quarterly Business Meeting,
children's mission activities

Inclement weather?

Call the church office for the
latest updates on services when
the weather is non-compliant.
618.457.0479

Information You Need

Jesus Changes EVERYTHING

7-week small group study

January 14 - Jesus Corrects

Made For Something MORE!

6-week small group study

January 21

I Am Wonderfully Made

January 28

I Am a Child of the King

February 4

I Am a Minister

February 11

I Am a Priest

February 18

I Am Just Passing through

February 25

I Am a Light

Start the New Year in a
Small Group - **Sundays @ 9 AM**

Save the Date

Saturday February 24

Sunday School/Small Group Workers Banquet

Guest Speaker: Josh Hunt

We will meet at Pagliai's Pizza for dinner at 5 PM

Josh Hunt 6 PM

10 Marks of I.N.C.R.E.D.I.B.L.E. Small Group Leaders

"Incredible teacher inspire hearts; they don't just fill heads."
That is point #1. The topic explores how to use technology
to find material that moves hearts. One point of the ten
deals with the dream of doubling groups.

Sunday February 25 9:00 AM - All Adults

Arrangements will be made for children and preschool age

Make Your Group Grow

Based on a research project where 1000 teachers were surveyed
to discover what contributes to the growth of a group.

Sunday February 10:15 AM Worship

Message: "One Magnificent Obsession"

This seminar focuses on ten reasons WHY we would give
ourselves to the vision of growing groups. The problem in
many cases is not that we don't know how to double a class in
two years or less, it is that we are not motivated to do so.

Get Ready for FUGE!

Cost:

\$277/ person

BUT we work really hard to fundraise and The Ridge Church is generous

All you have to pay is the deposit of \$50!

Other Details:

Deadline to register:

February 1st

Who:

6th-12th graders

What:

Centrifuge/Mfuge combo camp

When:

June 25-29, 2018

Where:

Carson-Newman in Jefferson City, TN

Why:

Because FUGE is awesome!

Questions??

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Sunday School and Small Group Study January 14, 2018

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

Daniel Chose to Obey
 Daniel Chose to Obey
 Jesus Corrects
 Jesus Corrects

Daniel 1:1-20
 Daniel 1:1-20
 Mark 7:5-15
 Mark 7:5-15

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: The Bible helps people live to Jesus' standard.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Our world is full of many "brands" of Christianity, because individuals and groups pick and choose the parts of the Bible they want to follow or interpret in their own way. Biblical Christianity, though, is just that—biblical—and calls us to obey the whole of Scripture. Jesus calls us to a higher standard, a standard not grounded in ourselves, but grounded in His loving commands meant to transform us from the inside out.

**BIBLE
 STUDIES
 FOR LIFE**

MARK 7:5-15
Jesus Corrects

PRESCHOOL



DANIEL 1:1-20

LIVE IT OUT: Print on a sheet of paper the Bible Verse: *Follow God's commands. Deuteronomy 27:10.* If your child is old enough, encourage him to copy the words on another paper. Read the verse together. As your child decorates the verse, tell him that the Bible helps people.

Daniel and his three friends lived in King Nebuchadnezzar's palace. They were learning to be special helpers to the king.

The king wanted Daniel and his friends to eat food from his table. But Daniel knew that the king's food was not the food that he should eat according to God's laws.

Daniel asked the king's helper, "Will you bring vegetables and water for my friends and me?" The king's helper was afraid the boys would not be healthy and the king would be mad.

Daniel said, "Please feed us vegetables and water for 10 days. See if we are as healthy as the other men." The helper agreed. After 10 days, Daniel and his friends were stronger and healthier than the other young men.

God helped Daniel and his friend He helped Daniel understand dreams. Daniel and his friends were able to help the king.

KIDS



DANIEL 1

LIVE IT OUT: Talk with your child about some difficult choices she has to make each day. Help her look in the Bible for guidance. Remind her that the Bible provides God's truth and meaning to our lives.

Daniel was taken by the soldiers from Babylon. He was taken to the palace to learn to serve the king.

The king sent some of his food for the young men to eat. But Daniel knew the king's food was not what God's law said to eat.

Daniel asked, "May my friends and I eat only vegetables and drink water?" But the guard was afraid they would not be as healthy as the other boys.

Daniel said, "Give us vegetables and water for 10 days. Look at us. Look at the other men. Decide then."

At the end of 10 days, Daniel and his friends looked better. They were learning more. The guard kept giving them vegetables and water.

Daniel and his friends learned how to serve the king. The king put them in charge of his work.

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Jesus calls us to a higher standard.

- What are a couple of your favorite family traditions?
- What are some factors that cause Christians today to neglect God's commands?
- What might tempt people to twist God's commands?
- How can we make sure our hearts are truly pure as opposed to only appearing to be pure?

Discuss the following quote: "You cannot make men good by law."¹

—C. S. Lewis

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 that you can each grow by showing a greater love for others. Think beyond just actions and consider your heart, mind, and soul too.
- **COMMUNITY:** Loving God also means loving our church family. Pray with your student for sincere hearts that love Jesus by serving others. Consider ways you can express his love to your church family.
- **CULTURE:** God looks at our hearts. Discuss with your student ways that you can show lost people that pleasing God is a matter of the heart.

1. C. S. Lewis, "C. S. Lewis Quote-Make Men Good," Christian Quotes [online], [accessed 23 May 2017]. Available from the Internet: <http://www.christianquotes.info/image/c-s-lewis-quote-make-men-good/#uz20tba1t5t5t>.

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