

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

Six WEEK STUDY Made for Something More I Am Wonderfully Made

The Point:

Every Life Counts - Including Mine.

Join us Sunday at 9 AM
as we study Psalm 139:1-6
and discuss these 5 questions

1. What is something you've made with your own hands?
2. What's your reaction to God's awareness of every aspect of your life?
3. Where in our culture do we see life being devalued or disrespected?
4. How does this passage support the truth that our lives count?
5. What actions can we take that reflect our belief in the value of all human life?

Pray for
Gorham Community
and Outreach



The Witness

Wes Henson, Pastor

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Please Come to Small Group/Sunday School

At **The Ridge Church**, we definitely want you to join us for small group Bible study. How can we encourage you to attend? Ken Braddy lists 5 ways to encourage attendance. (Read article at www.Kenbraddy.com)

- 1) **Give them an assignment** - If people have a job to do, they are more likely to show up. Place someone in charge of nametags, announcements, prayer time, assisting the group leader by leading a portion of the study, planning fellowships, and like that.
- 2) **Pose a controversial question** - Before Sunday, email (text) the members and call attention to a section of personal study guide. Pose a controversial question. Stir the pot. Help your group members think critically. Promise to address the question or comment during the Bible study. They'll have to show up to find out the answer and to hear everyone else's responses.
- 3) **Preview the next session** - movie theaters have learned the value of making us sit through 25 minutes of "coming attractions." They know that to get us to come back in the future, they need to pique our interest in the present. At the end of each Bible study, spend a minute previewing the next study, encouraging your group members to study in advance and to come prepared to engage in next week's Bible study.
- 4) **Teach with excellence** - One of the quickest ways to drive people away from your group is to get into a teaching rut. If your group members can predict what is going to take place each week, it's time for you to shake things up. Learn to incorporate new teaching techniques each week. The variety will spice things up.
- 5) **Reach out to them** - it's a mathematical fact that about 50% of your group's members will not be in attendance each week. Normally groups average an attendance of 50% of their enrollment. So every week the group leader and the care group leaders have an important job to do - they must contact every absent member and discover if there is a ministry opportunity.

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*

Deacon of the Week:

Louis Hertter

Trustee of the Month

Chris Robison

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

General Fund	\$2,786.26
Lottie Moon	120.00
Debt Retirement	859.09
Wednesday Supper	78.00

Hospitality January 21

Casserole: _____

Bakery: _____

Fruit: Jamie Robison

Call the Church office to sign up

Home Connection



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

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



Get Ready for Fuge

Who:

6th-12th graders

What:

Centrifuge/Mfuge combo

When:

June 25-29, 2018

Where:

Carson-Newman
Jefferson City, TN

Why:

Because FUGE is awesome!

Cost: \$277/ person

After the \$25 deposit we
hope to fundraise the rest

Questions??

Contact info:

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Other Details:

Deadline to register:
February 1st

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 24, 6:30 pm

Submissive

1 Peter 2:13-3:12

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 21

8:30 AM - Coffee and....

9:00 AM - Sunday School
and Small Groups

10:15 AM - Worship

5:00 PM - SS/small group
workers meeting

6:00 PM - Evening Worship

Tuesday, January 23

6:00 PM - WMU Mission
in Action at The Ridge

Wednesday, January 24

7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Time

5:45 PM - Dinner by
reservation **menu:** chicken &
noodles, mashed potatoes,
green beans, salad and dessert

6:30 PM - Adult Prayer time,
children's mission activities

Inclement weather?

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

Information You Need

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**

Canvas & Coffee on The Ridge

February 17, 2018

9 AM to Noon

Come and paint with your
friends. \$10/person

Open to all! **Outreach Event**

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.



**The Ridge Church
Vacation Bible School
June 11-15; 9 am - Noon
Ages 4 yrs thru
completed 6th grade**

Day 1 Jesus Cares About Me

The Point: Jesus cares about me.

Bible Story: The Lost Sheep Luke 15:1-7

Day 2 Jesus Gives Me Hope

The Point: Jesus gives me hope.

Bible Story: The Resurrection of Lazarus John 11:1-44

Day 3 Jesus Helps Me Believe

The Point: Jesus helps me believe

Bible Story: Thomas Believed John 20:19-31

Day 4 Jesus Loves Me

The Point: Jesus loves me.

Bible Story: John Wrote About Jesus
John 13:1-35; 19:25-27; 20:1-10; 21:1-14

Day 5 Jesus Gives Me Joy

The Point: Jesus gives me joy.

Bible Story: Paul and Silas in Prison
Acts 16:23-34



Theme Verse

His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3

Motto

Gear up!
Get ready!
Game On!

VBS Training Clinics

March 3 -

FBC, Carterville, 8:30- Noon,

OR

March 17-

Pleasant Hill, Mt Vernon,

8:30 - Noon

Sunday School and Small Group Study January 21, 2018

Preschool (birth-5)	Daniel in the Lions Den	Daniel 6
Children (gr 1-6)	Daniel in the Lions Den	Daniel 6
Students (gr 7-12)	I am Wonderfully Made	Psalm 136:1-6
Adults	I am Wonderfully Made	Psalm 136:1-6

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: The Bible helps people know the value of life.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Culture gives lip service to the value of life, but we deem some people more important because of what they contribute to society. Even on a personal level, we may feel more or less valued based on what we do in our church, workplace, or community. And society sends this skewed message about the unborn, disabled, and elderly. Psalm 139 points us to an all-knowing, all-loving God who values each one of us.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

PSALM 139:1-6,13-18

I Am Wonderfully Made

PRESCHOOL



DANIEL 6

LIVE IT OUT: Ask your child to name some things the Bible tells us to do, such as love God, love others, be kind, and love Jesus. Review the Bible story of Daniel in the lions' den. Comment that Daniel knew the right thing to do.

Daniel was a man who followed God. King Darius planned to put Daniel in charge of all the land. The other leaders did not like this. The men went to the king and told him to make a law that would no one could worship or pray to God. If anyone broke this law, he would be put in the lions' den.

Daniel heard the law. But Daniel knew he should worship and pray to God. The other leaders told the king about Daniel. The king knew that Daniel had to go into the lions' den. "May your God protect you," the king said to Daniel.

Daniel was put into the lions' den. The next morning, Darius rushed to the den. He called out to Daniel. Daniel said, "God protected me from the lions."

Darius was happy that Daniel was safe! Darius wrote a law for all people to obey God.

KIDS



DANIEL 6

LIVE IT OUT: How can you help your child be an example to others? Discuss ways he can let others see his integrity and obedience to God in his everyday life. This can provide an opportunity to talk to others about how the Bible guides a Christian's life.

The king wanted to put Daniel in charge of all the land. The other workers were jealous. They formed a plan. They went to the king. "We think that no one should pray to anyone but you for 30 days!" they said. "If someone does, throw him into the lions' den!" The king signed a law that could not be changed.

Daniel heard the law, but chose to obey God. He continued to pray to God.

The other workers told the king. The king was upset because he didn't want to throw Daniel into the lions' den.

Men put Daniel in with the lions and rolled a stone over the door. The king sealed the opening. He was upset could not sleep.

The next morning, the king hurried to the lions' den. He called out to Daniel and Daniel answered. God had saved Daniel.

The king was happy! He praised Daniel's God as the living God.

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Every life counts—including mine.

- What is something you've made with your own hands?
- How does it make you feel to know that God is aware of every aspect of your life?
- Where in our culture do we see life being devalued or disrespected?
- How does knowing we are fearfully and wonderfully made impact the way you see yourself and others?

Discuss the following quote: "Without a purpose, life is motion without meaning, activity without direction, and events without reason."¹

—Rick Warren

1. Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For?* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2012) 40

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 the idea that long before they were loved by you, he or she was loved by God and was created by God for His purposes.
- **COMMUNITY:** Help your student to memorize Psalm 139:13-14 this week. Practice each night before bed and pray that the words would settle in your hearts and help you to better see the world around you.
- **CULTURE:** Consider ways you and your student can help people in your community to feel loved. Follow through on your ideas and spread love to those that feel unlovable.

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