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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

6:00 pm Evening Worship

**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 a Child of the King*

**The Point:** Jesus makes us full members of His family.

Join us Sunday at 9 AM as we study Galatians 4:1-7 and discuss these 5 questions

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word 'royalty'?
2. What milestones helped you realize you were no longer a child?
3. What are some of the implications of being adopted into God's family?
4. What are the benefits we enjoy as part of God's family?
5. What are some ways we can rely on the Holy Spirit in our daily lives? In our group?

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**Pray for**  
**Gorham Community**  
**and Outreach**



# The Witness

Wes Henson, Pastor

January 28, 2018

Vol. 42, No. 04

**Thankful For our Small Group Leaders**



**Our small group leaders are the mainstay of our congregation.** No one person could do all that they do. They are valuable to the growth of The Ridge Church. Not just numerically but spiritually as well. We will honor our small group leaders with a banquet on Saturday, February 24 and recognize them on Sunday, February 25.

Just think about it -

- They consistently attend small group and worship weekly, which is an encouragement to all who attend.
- They are committed to preparing a weekly plan to enable biblical learning regardless of the number present.
- They are dedicated to the people they teach through prayers, visits, and weekly contacts. When someone is missing in worship or small group, I am confident that their small group leader will be in contact during week.
- They support and promote the plan and vision of the church. They join with the pastor and the leadership team in following the direction that God is leading.
- They spend their own money, time and other treasure as they see needs in their class. They are committed to supporting the other ministries of the Ridge Church through the giving of their tithes and offerings.
- They arrive early and prepare the learning area, keeping it fresh and welcoming each week.

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*

**Deacon of the Week:**

Donald McDonald

**Trustee of the Month**

Chris Robison

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**The Weekly Count**

SS/Small Group 101

Worship 106

**God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

General Fund \$3,207.00

Youth 100.00

Debt Retirement 1,787.58

Wednesday Supper 128.00

**Hospitality January 28**

**Casserole: Betty Wilson**

**Bakery: Ann Carrington**

**Fruit: Pam White**

Call the Church office to sign up

**Home Connection**

**Bonnie**

**Wheaton**

955 Villa Court

Rm. 210

Carbondale, IL

62901

Please remember

Bonnie 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:**

Courtney Griffith

618-559-7139

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Other Details:

**Deadline to register:**

**February 1st**

**Coming Up**

**Sunday Nights - Winter and Spring**

***Faith in Action***

**January 28 - Faith to Discern - Acts 13:1-12**

Join us as we will explore the way God uses us as vessels to take His life-giving message to the world. We will also focus on the power of God's Spirit to move in people, changing their hearts and bringing them to salvation in Jesus. **We plan to steam on facebook Live**

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**Souper Bowl Offering**

**"Let's Tackle Hunger" with "Souper Bowl of Caring Offering"**

**Sunday February 4, 2018 following the morning worship service**

Before you indulge in Super Bowl treats and copious amounts of food

Pray this prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl Football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

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**Outreach Event**

**Canvas & Coffee on The Ridge**

**February 17, 2018 9 AM to Noon**

Bring a friend, come and paint. Cost of Materials: \$10/person

Open to all! Limited seating Register: See Lisa Hottensen

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**Talent Night / Fuge Fundraiser**

**5 PM March 18**

**Get your ACT together now!**

## This Week on The Ridge

### Sunday, January 28

8:30 AM - Coffee and....

9:00 AM - Sunday School  
and Small Groups

10:15 AM - Worship

6:00 PM - Evening Worship

### Wednesday, January 31

7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Time

5:45 PM - Dinner by  
reservation **menu**: scrambled  
eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy,  
and fruit salad

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

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### **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 28**

*I Am a Child of the King*

Adult Discussion Guide available  
[www.Bible.com/events/347870](http://www.Bible.com/events/347870)

**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*

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June 11-15; 9 am - Noon

## **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

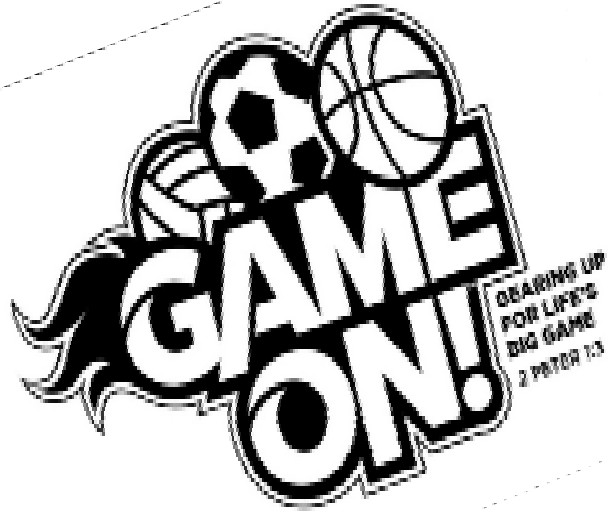
**Make Your Group Grow**

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**  
Ages 4 yrs thru  
completed 6<sup>th</sup> 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

# The Ridge Church

# February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 10:15 am Morning Worship <b>Evening Activities Dismissed</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Church council	<b>7</b> 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer 7:15 pm Trustee Mtg	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 10:15 am Morning Worship 5:00 pm Deacons Meeting 6:00 pm Birthday Potluck	<b>12</b> Presidents Day	<b>13</b> 12:00 pm Adult 5 Brown Bag Lunch	<b>14</b> 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 am Coffee and Canvas
<b>18</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 10:00 am Worship Service @ Prairie Living 10:15 am Morning Worship 6:00 pm Evening Devotion	<b>19</b> 4:00 pm Kitchen Reserved	<b>20</b> 12:00 pm BCM Luncheon	<b>21</b> 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:00 pm SS/Small Group Workers Banquet at Pags 5 pm
<b>25</b> 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 9:00 am Sunday School/Josh Hunt 10:15 am Morning Worship 6:00 pm Evening Devotion	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00 pm WMU Mission in Action Meeting	<b>28</b> 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer			

## February Birthdays

- 4 Jamie Robison
- 6 Rosalie Hertter
- 7 Steve Carrington
- 8 Garrett Speith
- 9 Fran Calhoun
- 10 Jeremy Marshall
- 11 Heather Laughland-Etherton
- Chloe Calhoun
- 17 Nell McElroy
- 18 Kelsey Wilson
- Chelsey Wilson
- 23 Anthony Futia
- 25 Ethan Dover
- 26 John Piland
- Shyiana Lynn Gibson
- 27 Daniel Han



If any birthdays have been omitted or corrections need to be made, please contact the office.

Events and activities subject to change. Go to [OnTheRidge.Org/Calendar](http://OnTheRidge.Org/Calendar) for the latest updates

# Sunday School and Small Group Study January 28, 2018

Preschool (birth-5)	Jonah	Jonah
Children (gr 1-6)	Jonah	Jonah
Students (gr 7-12)	I Am a Child of the King	Galatians 4:1-7
Adults	I Am a Child of the King	Galatians 4:1-7

## ONE CONVERSATION™

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

**CONNECTION POINT:** The Bible helps people know they are part of God's family.

**THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE:** Parents generally love their own children to a greater degree than they love other children. Parents may wish the best for others, but they will take care of their own first. God desires the best for us, even when we are outside His family. Through Christ, He made it possible for us to become a part of His family. Those who trust Jesus are no longer on the outside looking in; they are His children.

**BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE**

**GALATIANS 4:1-7**  
*I Am a Child of the King*

### PRESCHOOL



#### JONAH

**LIVE IT OUT:** Help your child look through the Bible to find God's name. Allow him to use a yellow crayon or highlighting marker to mark the name. Say a prayer thanking God for giving us the Bible that helps people know about Him.

God told Jonah, "Go to the city of Nineveh. Tell the people they have been making wrong choices."

Jonah got on a boat to sail far away. God sent a great storm that almost broke apart the boat. The sailors were afraid.

The men woke Jonah and told him to call out to God. They knew Jonah was running away from God. Jonah told the men to toss him into the sea and they would be safe. The men threw Jonah into the water.

God sent a big fish to swallow Jonah. While he was in the fish, Jonah asked God to help him obey. After three days and nights, the fish spit Jonah onto land.

Jonah went to Nineveh. He told the people that God was not happy because they had been doing wrong things. The people listened to Jonah and obeyed God.

### KIDS



#### JONAH

**LIVE IT OUT:** Help your child memorize 2 Timothy 3:16, the unit verse for this month. This verse gives an overview of how the Bible impacts our lives. Ask your child to name some things she has learned from the Bible.

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh to preach. Jonah didn't want to go. He chose to get on a ship going to another place.

A strong storm came that nearly sank the ship. Jonah knew that God sent the storm. He told the sailors to throw him overboard. The sailors threw Jonah overboard.

Now Jonah was inside a fish. God had sent the fish that swallowed him.

Jonah began to pray to God. After a time, God told the fish to spit Jonah out on dry land.

Again, God told Jonah to go to Nineveh. This time Jonah obeyed and went to Nineveh. Jonah preached all over the city. The people believed God's message. They turned from their sins.

God told Jonah that He loved and cared for the people of Nineveh.

### STUDENTS

**THE POINT:** Jesus makes us full members of His family.

- What comes to mind when you hear the word "royalty"?
- What milestones have you reached that help you realize you are no longer a child?
- What are the implications of being adopted into God's family?
- What are some ways we can rely on the Holy Spirit in our daily lives?

Discuss the following quote: "God's family, which comes into being by regeneration, is more central and more lasting than the human family that comes into being by procreation."<sup>1</sup>

—John Piper

1. John Piper, *This Momentary Marriage: A Parable of Permanence* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2006) 117.

**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:** We are a part of God's family and it's amazing that He considers us His and celebrates that love. Consider ways you can celebrate being a part of Jesus' family within your own family.
- **COMMUNITY:** Our church is also a part of our family. How can you serve another family in your church this week?
- **CULTURE:** Even though we tell others about Jesus and they hear the gospel, they do not always choose to join God's family. Discuss this possibility with your student and consider ways you can pray for friends who are choosing to live outside our family.

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