

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

6:00 pm Birthday Potluck

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 Just Passing Through

The Point: Our lives in this world
should reflect our eternal home

Join us Sunday at 9 AM
as we study **1 Peter 2:11-17**
and discuss these 5 questions

1. What place feels most like home to you? Explain.
2. What are the practical implications of living as strangers and temporary residents?
3. How can we navigate the tension between submitting to earthly authorities and submitting to God
4. What does it mean to be a slave to God yet live in freedom?
5. Which of the commands in these verses do you find easiest to obey? Which are difficult?



The Witness

Wes Henson, Pastor

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What Is The Cost?



I got a text this morning. A very important piece of paper was lost and maybe it flew out the vehicle door when it opened and the person got out or in as they attended Wednesday Night Bible Study. The text asked me to keep my eyes open in case I might spot it.

After I got to The Ridge and parked, I started to look around and headed down toward the road. Well, first I attempted to discern which direction the wind was blowing. As I walked toward the road, I did see a rather large piece of paper in a ditch by the road. Upon arrival, I determined this was the aforementioned "important paper." However, it was mired down in the mud, which fortunately kept



it from "easing on down the road." After a few moments of contemplation, there was no doubt; I would have to take at least one-step into the sludge to retrieve it. I firmly planted my foot into the muck and almost came out of

my shoe, picked it up and successfully pulled my foot and shoe back to solid ground. Yes, foot, shoe, and a rather deep coating of the mire!

A very successful task completed but not without cost. The cost of time looking, the cost of time cleaning, the cost of uncertainty whether the paper would be located. I was happy to help. I was able to clean my shoe and the paper I found was indeed the one that was lost. It was worth the cost

Here's the challenge: What's the cost of reaching people with the gospel and are we willing to pay it?

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*

Deacon of the Week:

Steve Carrington

Trustee of the Month

Louie Hertter

The Weekly Count

SS/Small Group and Worship

Dismissed due to weather

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

General Fund	\$1,972.00
Canvas & Coffee	20.00
Debt Retirement	850.01
Wednesday Supper	30.00
BCM	150.00
Soda Machine	189.20

Hospitality February 18

Casserole: Linda

Bakery: Angie

Fruit: Wes

Call the Church office to sign up



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



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:

Youth: your deposit is due now.

Must be in by February 18

Coming Up

Sunday Nights - Winter and Spring

Faith in Action

February 18 - Faith to Persevere - Acts 14:8-23

The miracle of the healed cripple has some astonishing similarities to the one performed by Peter in Jerusalem in Acts 3. Both healed men were lame from birth. Both leaped up and walked following their healing. In both cases, the apostle looked intently at the lame man. What is going on? **We plan to steam on FB Live**

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

The Time Has arrived ...

The moment we have ALL been waiting for ...

Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Night #OnTheRidge

Youth Fundraiser for Fuge

March 4, 2018

5:30 PM Theme: Clue: The Game

18 youth have signed up to attend Fudge Camp this year

This Week on The Ridge

Sunday, February 18

8:30 AM - Coffee and...
9:00 AM - Sunday School
and Small Groups
10:15 AM - Worship
5:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal
5:00 PM - Deacons Meeting
6:00 PM - Birthday Potluck

Tuesday, February 20

12:00 PM - BCM Luncheon

Wednesday, February 21

7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Time
5:45 PM - Dinner by reservation
menu: meatloaf, mashed potatoes,
green beans, salad & dessert
6:30 PM - Adult Prayer time, Bible
Study, children's
mission activities

Prairie Living Sunday School

Resumes 9:00 am
March 4th in the Chapel.
Don Barnett is leading. If you are
AVAILABLE to assist or attend,
see Don or contact the office.

Information You Need

Made For Something MORE!
9 AM Sundays

February 18

I Am Just Passing Through
Download this week's
interactive study guide
www.bible.com/events/348894

February 25

I Am a Light

Seven-Week Study Topic
March 4-April 15

God Is ...
Sundays at 9 AM

Fill the Rack!
The Holiday Food Drives are
over! SO ... **Mission Action Team**
Food Drive begins.

Please bring non-perishable
items through February. Canned
meats, veggies, peanut butter

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 6th grade



**VBS Workers Get Together
Has been rescheduled
For 5 PM Sunday March 18th**

VBS Training Clinics

**March 3 -
FBC, Carterville, 8:30- Noon,
OR
March 17-
Pleasant Hill, Mt Vernon,
8:30 - Noon**

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!**

Theme Song:

**Game On- Listen In:
tinyurl.com/VBS-GameOn**

Sunday School and Small Group Study February 18, 2018

Preschool (birth-5)	Peter Walked on Water With Jesus	Matthew 14:22-33
Children (gr 1-6)	Peter Walked on Water With Jesus	Matthew 14:22-33
Students (gr 7-12)	I Am Just Passing Through	1 Peter 2:11-17
Adults	I Am Just Passing Through	1 Peter 2:11-17

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: Christians should follow Jesus so that others can know about Him.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: We all have a place we call home; it shows up on legal documents as our place of residence. Even though we may live there all our lives, that place is temporary for the follower of Christ. We have a permanent, eternal home in Christ. While we have obligations related to our current residence, we can live our lives in such a way to remind ourselves and others that we have a greater home in Christ.

**BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE**

1 PETER 2:11-17

I Am Just Passing Through

PRESCHOOL



MATTHEW 14:22-33

LIVE IT OUT: Does your child imitate you? Have you heard your words coming out of her mouth? Imitation is one of the ways children learn. Talk with your child about some of the things Jesus did. Ask her how she could do some things like Jesus.

Jesus told His disciples to go to the other side of the lake in a boat. Then Jesus went up the mountain to pray.

After many hours, the boat was far from land. A strong wind was blowing the boat. Jesus came to His disciples, walking on the water. When the disciples saw Him, they were afraid.

Jesus spoke to them and said, "Do not be afraid."

Peter said, "Jesus, if it really is You, let me walk to You on the water." Jesus replied, "Come."

Peter began to walk on the water to Jesus. When Peter saw the wind blowing the water, he became afraid. Peter began to sink. He cried out for Jesus to help him. Jesus took Peter's hand.

Jesus and Peter got into the boat, and the wind stopped blowing. Jesus' disciples were amazed. "It is true. He is God's Son," they said.

KIDS



MATTHEW 14:22-33

LIVE IT OUT: Talk with your child about some of his favorite Bible stories about Jesus. Discuss what Jesus was teaching through these stories about following Him and how people should live. Remind your child that, as Christians, we should strive to be like Jesus.

Many people were following Jesus. He went up on the mountain to pray. Jesus asked the disciples to get on a boat and go across the water.

After dark, the boat was far from the land. The wind was blowing and waves hit the boat. Jesus came to the boat, walking on the water. The disciples saw Jesus and were afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

Jesus called to them to be brave and not to be afraid. Peter looked at Jesus and asked if he could come out on the water. Jesus told Peter to come to Him. Peter started walking on the water, but when Peter saw the storm, he began to sink. Peter yelled for Jesus' help.

Jesus caught Peter. Jesus asked the boat began worshiping Jesus.

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Our lives in this world should reflect our eternal home.

- What place feels most like home to you?
- What does it look like for Christ-followers to live as strangers and exiles in our culture today?
- How can we navigate the tension between submitting to earthly authorities and submitting to God?
- What does it mean to be a slave to God yet live in freedom?

Discuss the following quote: "My home is in Heaven. I'm just traveling through this world."

—Billy Graham

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:** Our freedom was bought by Jesus in order for us to serve and glorify Him. Evaluate how you have been successful in this and how you have failed. Discuss with your student ways you can express thanks for your freedom from sin.
- **COMMUNITY:** Consider ways you can use your freedom to serve Jesus by helping someone in your community.
- **CULTURE:** We all fail sometimes to live as Jesus would. Discuss this concept with your student and create a list of ways you can deal with failure and glorify God.

1. Billy Graham, "Billy Graham > Quotes > Quotable Quote," Goodreads [online], (accessed 25 May 2017). Available from the Internet: <http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/510772-my-home-is-in-heaven-i-just-traveling-through-this>

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