

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 Evening Devotion

Wednesday Night Activities are dismissed this week

Join us Thursday at 6:15 pm
for Maundy Thursday
Lord's Supper Service

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Our Mission:

*The Mission of The Ridge Church is
to lead non-believers into fully
devoted followers of Jesus Christ*

**Adult Small Groups meet
every week at 9 AM**

**There is a
small group for you!**

This Week's Study
God is Our Peace
Judges 6:11-24

The Point of the study:
**God's peace helps us rise
above our circumstances.**

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our lives, a time with no squabbling or
obstacles. Even when we have
those moments of "peace and quiet,"
they are often short-lived.

But God offers us a far greater and
lasting peace, even while facing
conflict with others or battling
our circumstances.

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to give the Israelites peace
because of who God is.



The Witness

Wes Henson, Pastor

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Not A Pretty Picture

This Sunday, referred to as Palm Sunday among many churches across the world is the Sunday before Easter. It was on Sunday that all of Jerusalem turned out to welcome Jesus into the city for the celebration of Passover. They were ready to crown him King and follow Jesus in an insurrection against the powerful Romans. They were motivated, excited, and ready to go all in, feeling insurmountable



Fast forward, a few days later and the scene is drastically and tragically different. No longer is Jesus the "darling" of the crowds. As Pilate presents Jesus torn and tattered before the crowd, they in unison call for his crucifixion.

What caused such a distinct change in attitude and actions?

Because we are a fallen people, may I say it, a sinful people, we cannot be trusted. When the going gets tough, when life becomes hard, when the journey appears to be overwhelming the enthusiasm, hope, and plans we once had disappear and we degenerate into a wild uncontrollable mob. It is certainly not a pretty picture.

The picture is not pretty it is unappealing, ugly, and repellent. The cross is not either, but it was necessary for our salvation.

Join me this week as we focus on the events that led Jesus to die willingly a shameful death on a shameful cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we might have a personal relationship with him.

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*



Deacon of the Week:

Jack Peterman

Trustee of the Month

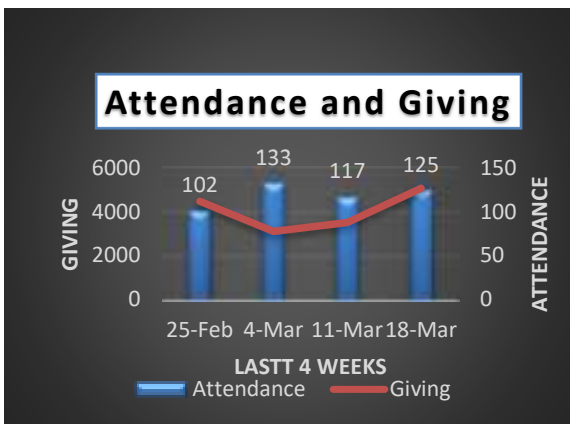
Shawn Wilson

The Weekly Count

SS/Small Group	118
Worship	125

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

General Fund	5,128.31
Debt Retirement	597.59
Wednesday Supper	69.00
Easter Egg Hunt	100.00
Annie Armstrong	260.00
Fuge	300.00



Home Connection

Rosa Spiller
710 N. Allyn St.
Carbondale, IL
62901

Please remember
Rosa with a card or a
phone call

Home Connections!
Make one This Week

Thank You,

To our friends
at The Ridge Church,

Thank you for helping us kick off
our community challenge event!
Your donations came in at 195 lbs.

This will help us out so much
during our time of need.

I see many nutritious foods
selected too, which to me is
equally exciting. I cannot
thank you enough!

Karen & Alan (Dover), it was a
pleasure to meet you both and
thanks for stopping in.

I'm so thankful for the giving
hearts that are a part of
your congregation

*Blessings, Megan Austin
Murphysboro Food Pantry*

Coming Up On The Ridge

**Sunday Nights 6 PM - Winter and Spring
Faith in Action
March 25 - A Sincere Faith
Daniel 1:8-21**

**Saturday, March 24, 1 PM
Easter Egg Hunt Gorham Community Center**

**Sunday, March 25, 3 PM
Easter Egg Hunt #OnTheRidge**

**Thursday, March 29, 6:15 PM
Maundy Thursday Service -
Lord's Supper Communion**

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 4:30 PM
Gorham TeamKID Prep Meeting
For those who will be going to Gorham

**Sheldon's
Train
Set**



This Week on The Ridge

Saturday, March 24

1:00 PM - Gorham Easter Egg Hunt
6:00 PM - Adult 2 Social

Sunday, March 25

8:30 AM - Coffee and...
9:00 AM SS/small groups
10:15 AM - Morning Worship
3:00 PM - Easter Egg Hunt on
The Ridge
5:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM - Evening Worship and
Children's Choir

Tuesday, March 27

4:30 PM - TeamKID Gorham

Wednesday, March 28

7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Time
Evening Activities Dismissed

Thursday, March 29

6:15 PM - Maundy Thursday
Lord's Supper

Friday, March 30

Church Office Closed in observance



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

Information You Need

God Is Our Banner

March 25

God Is Our Peace

April 1

Easter- God Is Faithful

April 8

God Is Our Shepherd

April 15

God is Our Righteousness

Hospitality - March 25

Casserole: Betty Wilson

Fruit: Wes Henson

Bakery: Jenny Hertter

If you would volunteer to bring
food, please sign up in the
hospitality area or call the
church office

**A
Tall Hat
Leprechaun**



#OnTheRidge

Children

Vacation Bible School

June 11-15, 9- Noon

4 yrs - completed

6th grade

Register NOW

on web site

Youth

Vacation Bible School

June 11-14 12:30 - 3 pm

Youth grades 7-12

#Go-GorhamOutreach

Vacation Bible School

July 9-13 6-8 pm

Grades k-6th

We need a team to
cook and serve a light
supper from 5:30 - 6 PM
See the Pastor if you can assist.



Easter 2018 is just a week away.
Invitation cards and a great
Easter explanation card are available
at the Information Area.

Please take several to give away
and begin inviting today!

Easter Egg Hunt 2018
Sunday, March 25th at 3 PM*
Ages Birth through 6th Grade



*Rain Date 3/31 10 AM

Easter Sunrise Service
April 1, 2018
7 AM
Breakfast to Follow



Easter Cantata
April 1, 2018
10:15 AM
The Ridge Choir
presents...
"Blessed Redeemer"

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After Easter Study

"Becoming a Welcoming Church" by Thom Rainer
6:30 PM Wednesdays April 4 through May 2

A game plan to become more hospitable
A guide to make a difference to those who visit.
An assessment and audit tool to locate where we are
on a spectrum between welcoming and wanting.

Cost of book \$5

Call the church office to reserve your copy
(Not necessary for the study)

April 1, Easter Sunday
7 AM Sunrise Service -
Breakfast to follow
9 AM Small Groups
10:15 AM Easter Cantata
"Blessed Redeemer"
presented by The Ridge Church Choir

Welcome New Members!

Jorge Velasques
72 Soccer Drive
Carbondale, IL 62901

Nancy Wells
2142 Gartstide
Murphysboro, IL 62966

Sunday School and Small Group Study March 25, 2018

Preschool (birth-5)	The Triumphal Entry	Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19
Children (gr 1-6)	The Triumphal Entry	Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19
Students (gr 7-12)	God is Our Peace	Judges 6
Adults	God is Our Peace	Judges 6

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: Because of Jesus' death and sacrifice we can have peace with God.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Who doesn't long for peace? We'd love an absence of conflict in our lives, a time with no squabbling or obstacles. Even when we have those moments of "peace and quiet," they are often short-lived. But God offers us a far greater and lasting peace, even while facing conflict with others or battling our circumstances. In Gideon's encounter with God, he discovered he could trust God to give the Israelites peace because of who God is.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

JUDGES 6:11-24
Our Peace

PRESCHOOL



LUKE 19:28-40; JOHN 12:12-19

LIVE IT OUT: Review the Bible story with your child about the way people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. Give your child a simple instrument, such as two craft sticks or a coffee can drum. Lead a praise parade as you play the instruments to worship music.

Jesus and His disciples were walking to Jerusalem. Jesus told two disciples, "Go to the next town, and there you will find a young donkey. Bring it to me."

The disciples obeyed Jesus. They found the donkey like Jesus said they would. They brought the donkey to Jesus. The disciples spread their coats on the donkey.

Jesus sat on the donkey's back and rode into Jerusalem.

Along the way, many people were waiting to see Jesus. When they saw Him coming, some people spread their coats on the road. Other people laid down palm branches. As Jesus passed by, the people shouted, "Hosanna."

The people shouted happy words to God. They were happy to see Jesus. They knew He was special and had done many miracles. They wanted to show their love for Him!

KIDS



LUKE 19:28-40; JOHN 12:12-19

LIVE IT OUT: Review today's Bible story with your child. If you or your child have ever seen a celebrity in a parade, talk about how that felt. Compare with how your child thinks the people felt when seeing Jesus ride into Jerusalem.

Jesus sent two disciples into a town to find a donkey.

The disciples found the donkey and started untying it. "Why are you untying the donkey?" the owners asked.

The disciples said, "The Lord needs it."

The disciples took the donkey to Jesus. They put their robes on the donkey. They helped Jesus get on the donkey.

Jesus rode into town. The people were excited to see Jesus. People put their robes and branches on the road in front of Him. The crowd shouted joyfully in loud voices, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Some temple leaders said, "Stop these people. They should not praise you!"

Jesus answered, "If the people stop, the stones will cry out!"

STUDENTS

THE POINT: God's peace helps us rise above our circumstances.

- Where do you go when you need some peace and quiet?
- What causes us to sometimes doubt God's presence in our lives?
- How do we recognize when God is calling us to a task?
- Where do you need peace in your life right now?

Discuss the following quote: "Because of the empty tomb, we have peace. Because of His resurrection, we can have peace during even the most troubling of times because we know He is in control of all that happens in the world."¹
—Paul Chappell

1. "16 Amazing Quotes About Peace," Christian Quotes [online], [accessed 27 August 2017]. Available from the Internet: <https://www.christianquotes.info/top-quotes/16-amazing-quotes-about-peace/#axzz6r40f84N>.

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:** By trying to please the sinful world, we separate ourselves from wholeness and peace with God. Discuss with your student ways that he or she is trying to please the world instead of God.
- **COMMUNITY:** Create a list of people you know who need God's peace in their lives. Make a plan to serve and help them to experience the peace of Christ.
- **CULTURE:** Help your student to discover ways he or she can share the gospel with lost friends at school.

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