

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 Activities

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

Adult Small Groups meet every week at 9 AM

There is a small group for everyone!

This Week's Study
God is Faithful
Luke 24:1-12

The Point of the study:
The empty tomb points to the faithfulness of God.

The reality of Jesus' resurrection points to this great truth. By raising Jesus from the dead, God showed He makes the impossible possible.

God is faithful and will always do what He says. Jesus told us He would rise from the dead—and He did!

Join us SUNDAY at 9 am as we look at the resurrection of Jesus—and discover how we can have hope because God is faithful.

EXTRA:

Click on the link below and watch how an atheist views the reality of the resurrection.

www.tinyurl.com/TRC-Easter2018



The Witness

Wes Henson, Pastor

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Not Too Busy For Worship



We've had quite a busy Spring On The Ridge. Our ministry in Gorham resumed this past Tuesday with 9 children present. The Easter Egg Hunt planned for last Saturday was rescheduled to this Friday due to weather concerns. The Ridge Easter Egg hunt Sunday was a huge event with over 160 present and over 5,000 eggs hunted.

Last week several were able to do some Spring-cleaning and get the campus ready for Easter. We are still waiting for some landscaping items to arrive to finish the entrance area.

The purpose of the Maundy Thursday service is to provide an opportunity for us to prepare through reflection, meditation, and worship for celebration of God's great sacrifice in our behalf.

Bright and early Sunday morning (7 AM) we will gather at the pavilion to vocalize this celebration. Then we will enjoy a breakfast together, attend small groups, and then join with the Ridge Choir in worship as they present "Blessed Redeemer."

After that, it is on to dinner and get togethers and another precious time of family, food, and fun.

Yes, we have been busy and yes, this weekend will keep us very busy. **Here's the take home:** *Be careful not to get so caught up in the plans, activities and family, that you miss worship and the resurrection celebration. You'll feel it Monday!*

We Labor Together With God,

Wes

Deacon of the Week:

Mike Garlinghouse

Trustee of the Month

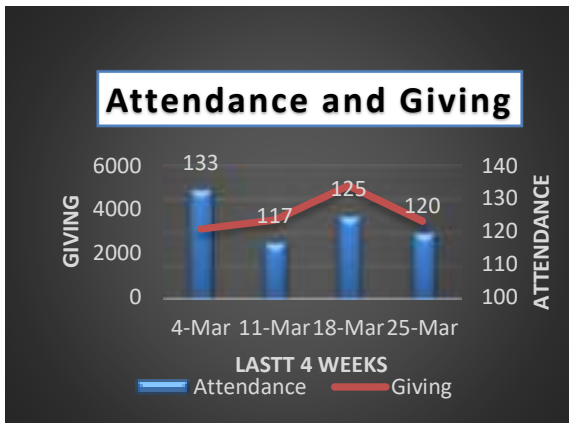
Josh Dover

The Weekly Count

SS/Small Group	120
Worship	116

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

General Fund	3,465.00
Debt Retirement	247.58
Wednesday Supper	142.00
Annie Armstrong	110.00
Study Books	50.00



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

This Week on The Ridge

Sunday, April 1

7:00 AM - Sunrise Service (If Possible, Please Bring Fresh Cut Flowers for the Cross Breakfast Following

9:00 AM Sunday School/Small Groups

10:15 AM - Easter Cantata:
"Blessed Redeemer"

Evening Activities Dismissed

Tuesday, April 3

4:30 PM - TeamKID Gorham

6:30 PM - Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 4

7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Time

5:45 PM - Dinner by reservation
menu: spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert

6:30 PM - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time, Youth Bible Study and Children's Mission Activities

7:15 PM - Trustee Meeting

Sunday's 9 AM

Small group topics.

April 1

Easter- God Is Faithful

April 8

God Is Our Shepherd

April 15

God is Our Righteousness



#OnTheRidge

Vacation Bible School

June 11-15, 9- Noon

4 yrs - completed

6th grade

Youth Vacation Bible School

June 11-14 12:30 - 3 pm

Youth grades 7-12



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.



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

Welcome to the World

Marie Isabelle Stanley

March 26 @ 1:10 PM.

Weight 7 lb. 7 oz., 20 inches

Parents: Josh and Janell Stanley,

Big brother: Lyle Wayne Stanley

Great Grandma: Myrtle Huppert

After Easter Study

"Becoming a Welcoming Church" by Thom Rainer

6:30 PM Wednesdays

- A game plan to become more hospitable
- A guide to make a difference for 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

Easter Egg Hunt #OnTheRidge 2018



The Ridge Church

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service W/ Breakfast 9:00 am Prairie Living SS 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 10:15 am Easter Cantata "Blessed Redeemer" 6:00 pm Evening Activities Dismissed	2	3 4:30 pm TeamKID Gorham 6:30 pm Church council	4 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer 7:15 pm Trustee Mtg	5	6	7
8 9:00 am Prairie Living SS 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	9	10 12:00 pm Adult 5 Brown Bag Lunch 4:30 pm TeamKID Gorham	11 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer	12	13	14
15 9:00 am Prairie Living SS 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 and Children's Choir Rehearsal	16	17 4:30 pm TeamKID Gorham	18 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 pm Quarterly Business Meeting	19	20	21
22 9:00 am Prairie Living SS 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 10:15 am Morning Worship 6:00 pm Evening Devotion and Children's Choir Rehearsal	23	24 4:30 pm Team Kid - Gorham 6:00 pm WMU Mission in Action Meeting	25 7:00 am Men's Prayer 5:45 pm Dinner by Reservation 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer	26	27	28 All Day Multi-Purpose Building Reserved
29 9:00 am Prairie Living SS 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School at Century Assisted 10:00 am Worship @ Prairie Living 10:15 am Morning Worship 6:00 pm Evening Devotion and Children's Choir Rehearsal	30					

April Birthdays

- 4 Mary McDonald
- 5 Stephen Holt
- 6 Jakob Wilson
- 8 Diana Andrews
- Kristen Madison
- Christel Speith
- 10 Angela James
- Judy Davis
- Debbie Murrie
- 12 Louis (Butch) Hertter
- Loretta Boyd
- 14 Gayl Robinson
- 15 Brittany Thies
- 17 Brandon Wilson
- 19 Karen Dover
- Al Moutria
- Luke Anderson
- 22 Virginia McCrary
- Betty Wilson
- 25 Trevor Leapley
- 26 Virginia Holt
- 28 Sharron Hertter
- 29 Daniel Bishop

If any Birthdays were omitted, please notify the church office

Events and activities subject to change. Go to OnTheRidge.Org/Calendar for the latest updates

Sunday School and Small Group Study April 1, 2018

Preschool (birth-5)	Jesus is Alive	Matthew 28:1-10
Children (gr 1-6)	Crucifixion-Resurrection	Matthew 26, 28
Students (gr 7-12)	God is Faithful	Luke 24:1-12
Adults	God is Faithful	Luke 24:1-12

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: God showed His faithfulness by sending Jesus to die for our sins.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: People break promises. Even when they have the best intentions, people aren't always able to do what they said they'd do. If we experience that enough, the unfaithfulness of others can cause us to lose hope. The early disciples experienced a loss of hope when Jesus was crucified. God remained faithful to what He said He'd do, and He proved His faithfulness when He raised Jesus from the dead. We have a sure hope because God is faithful.

**BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE**

LUKE 24:1-12
God is Faithful

PRESCHOOL



MATTHEW 28:1-10

LIVE IT OUT: Print in the center of a sheet of paper: *JESUS IS ALIVE!* Give your child crayons or markers to trace around the letters and decorate the paper. Talk about the Bible story as your child is drawing.

On Sunday morning, Mary and Mary Magdalene walked to the tomb. Jesus died on a cross and was buried there.

Suddenly, an earthquake shook the ground. An angel rolled back the stone that was in front of the tomb.

The angel said, "Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus. He is not here. He is alive!"

The angel told the women to look in the tomb and see that it was empty. Then the angel told the women to go and tell the disciples that Jesus is alive!

The women left to find the disciples and tell them.

Then they saw Jesus! The two women ran to Jesus and worshiped Him.

Jesus said, "Go and tell My disciples to go to Galilee. They will see Me there."

KIDS



MATTHEW 26:36-28:10

LIVE IT OUT: As you celebrate Easter with your family, help your child understand that Jesus is alive, though He died on the cross and was buried. Help your child memorize the Unit Verse, Matthew 28:6. The women came to anoint Jesus' body for death, but He was not there!

Soldiers arrested Jesus. They took Jesus to be crucified. They nailed Jesus on a cross. After a time, Jesus died on the cross.

Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea, wrapped Jesus in white cloths and put the body in his own tomb. He rolled a big stone over the opening.

After three days, as some women went to the tomb, there was an earthquake. An angel rolled back the stone.

The angel said, "You are looking for Jesus who was crucified, but He is not here! He has risen from the dead, just like He told you." The angel invited the women to see the tomb. He told them to tell the disciples the good news.

As the women left, Jesus met them! They fell down and worshiped Jesus. "Do not be afraid," Jesus said. "Tell My followers to meet Me in Galilee."

STUDENTS

THE POINT: The empty tomb points to the faithfulness of God.

- What surprise ending has left you wondering, "How did that happen?"
- What did the women expect to find at the tomb?
- Why do we sometimes doubt or forget what God has promised?
- Why is the resurrection so important for Christianity?

Discuss the following quote: "If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead."¹

—Tim Keller

1. "16 Glorious Quotes About the Resurrection," Christian Quotes [online], [accessed 27 August 2017]. Available from the Internet: <https://www.christianquotes.info/top-quotes/16-glorious-quotes-resurrection/#:~:text=16%20glorious>

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 how he or she can create a deeper relationship with Christ.
- **COMMUNITY:** The news of Jesus' life and resurrection is the most encouraging thing we can hear and share. Ask your student how this affects the way he or she is living, and how it can be an encouragement.
- **CULTURE:** Read the story of Christ's resurrection with your student. Create a list of friends you can share the story of Christ with this week.

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