


<u>Daily Bible Readings</u>	
Monday, Sep. 28	Ecclesiastes 12
Tuesday, Sep. 29	Colossian 3:1-11
Wednesday, Sep. 30	Colossian 4:1-9
Thursday, Oct. 1	Proverbs 3:5-12
Friday, Oct. 2	Ephesians 2:1-10
Saturday, Oct. 3	Ephesians 3:14-21
Sunday, Oct. 4	Ephesians 4:11-16

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### Sunday Worship Series

Journey of Worship:   
Connecting with  
God in Worship

### **Sunday, September 27**

Worship Preparation, Ecclesiastes 5

### **Sunday, October 4**

Worship Power, Psalm 40, John 12

### **Sunday, October 11**

Worship Thanksgiving, Psalm 100

### **DevoHub**

Free daily devotions for you and your family provided by The Ridge Church

- 1) **Download** DevoHub App
- 2) **Activate** your subscription at The Ridge Church
- 3) **Gain access** to content anytime anywhere
- 4) **Dig in** apply God's Word to your daily life

### **- QUESTION -**

How can I support the ongoing ministries of The Ridge Church & Debt Retirement?

1. Mail your offering to *The Ridge*
2. Use your banks "Bill Pay" feature
3. Go to [www.OnTheRidge.Org/Give](http://www.OnTheRidge.Org/Give)
4. Place your offering in the box in foyer

### **The Ridge Church**

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**Donate:** [www.OnTheRidge.org/Give](http://www.OnTheRidge.org/Give)

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### **Our Mission:**

To lead non-believers into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

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[facebook.com/OnTheRidgeChurch](https://facebook.com/OnTheRidgeChurch)

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### **Follow us on Twitter:**

[twitter.com/TheRidgeChurch1](https://twitter.com/TheRidgeChurch1)

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**Deacon of the Week** – Jeff Yates

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**Trustee of the Month** – Shawn Wilson

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### **Church Staff**

Pastor – Wes Henson

Administrative Secretary – Elizabeth Ferguson

Worship Leader – Debbie Henson

Custodian – John Hertter

### Church Office Hours

**Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. - Noon**



## **The Ridge Church**

**September 27 - October 3, 2020**

7350 Old Hwy 13 Carbondale, IL 62901

Church Office (618) 457-0479, Pastor (618) 559-7132

### ***He Makes Me Lie Down In Green Pastures***

I happened to be looking at last year's Newsletter for the end of September and I noticed that my article mentioned how busy and full the days of October were. I had two weddings, family reunion, church wiener roast, and an outside family picture event all scheduled before the middle of October.

The Ridge Church calendar was also full of events. In addition to the Church wide wiener roast and hay ride, there was a birthday potluck, feeding of a high school football team, after school activities in Gorham, and trunk or treat scheduled.

I connected the busy-ness of our schedules with the small group Bible Study for that week on the topic of rest. I pointed out the difficulty of following the Lord's call for rest and a slower pace and finding rest in the presence of God and one another. I wrote about worship as, "One day in seven where we rest from our daily routines and enjoy delightful communion with God and one another".

Evidently, we all were slow on following the Lord's call. With the onset of Covid, what we refused to do on our own has been decided for us.

The schedule for October 2020 is quite different. There have been so many cancellations. DuQuoin State Fair, County Fairs, the Apple Festival, football games, baseball games, homecomings, and just about any event involving the gathering of people has been cancelled. Gatherings of any size are frowned upon.

Whatever the cause, the result has been a forced time of rest for us all. Further, since many weekend activities have been cancelled, those who are often away on Sundays are now in worship, even if participation is online.

A line in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm reads, "He **makes** me lie down in green pastures." The Lord is able to use life events to bring refreshment and rest in "green pastures".

We Labor Together With God, *Wes*

## God's Tithes and our Offerings September 20, 2020

<b>Weekly General Fund Needs</b>	<b>\$4,248.32</b>
General Fund	\$3,415.00
Debt Retirement	217.58
Mission Illinois	200.00

<b>Debt Retirement- September</b>	
<b>Monthly Payment</b>	<b>\$3,808.51</b>
Received MTD	2,482.75
(Under)/Over	(\$1,325.76)

### Keep in Touch

For news, updates, prayer concerns  
**Sign Up -**  
[www.remind.com/join/OnTheRidge](http://www.remind.com/join/OnTheRidge)

**Virtual Bible Study - Facebook/Website**  
**Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.**  
***All In: A Life of Commitment***  
October 18- November 29

Please remember  
**Venida McKinnies**  
with a card.

**Ridge  
Spotlight**

**Venida McKinnies**  
**Parkway Manor Rm. 207**  
**Marion, IL 62959**

## Weekly Bible Study Topics

Weekly Lesson Video Summary  
[www.OnTheRidge.Org/OnTheGo](http://www.OnTheRidge.Org/OnTheGo)

**After God's Own Heart: A Fresh Look  
at the Ten Commandments**

**September 27** *Honor Life*

**October 4** *Honor Marriage*

**October 11** *Honor All Relationships*

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## Mission Illinois

**In times like these, Illinois Baptists  
rise to meet the need**

**2020 IS THE YEAR THAT THE WORLD  
STOPPED FOR A TIME**

But ministry continued. In all corners of  
Illinois, IBSA churches pushed forward.

Illinois state missions work continued as  
Illinois Baptists were equipped with  
innovations and new technologies.

In the crisis, IBSA proved to be our  
church's reliable partner in health,  
growth, and mission.

**Please support Mission Illinois Offering**  
Mark your offering envelope/check  
for **Mission Illinois Offering**

## **Weekly Activities #OnTheRidge and #OnLine**

### Sunday

**9 a.m. Youth Small Group Bible Study on Zoom**

**Link: [www.tinyurl.com/TRC-YouthZoom](http://www.tinyurl.com/TRC-YouthZoom)**

Bradley & Courtney Griffith Facilitators

*All youth invited to attend*

**10:15 a.m. Worship on Campus**

**Live stream: [www.Tinyurl.com/RidgeYouTube](http://www.Tinyurl.com/RidgeYouTube)**

Subscribe on **YouTube** to receive notifications when we go live.

**5 p.m. Young Couples Bible Study on Zoom**

**Link: [www.tinyurl.com/TRC-YC](http://www.tinyurl.com/TRC-YC)**

Jenny Hertter Facilitator

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### Tuesday

**10:30 a.m. Adult 3 Bible Study at The Annex**

**All adults welcome**

Dennis & Karissa Howell, Facilitators

**6:30 p.m. Virtual Bible Study on Facebook/Website**  
**[Facebook.com/OnTheRidgeChurch](https://www.facebook.com/OnTheRidgeChurch) or [OnTheRidge.Org](http://OnTheRidge.Org)**

After God's Own Heart: Session 3: Honor Parents

Wes Henson, Facilitator

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### Wednesday

**7:00 am Wednesday Words and Prayers on Google Meet**

**Link: [www.tinyurl.com/TRC-Meet](http://www.tinyurl.com/TRC-Meet)**

Share your prayer requests, praises and congregation updates

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**On The Go Weekly Bible Study- [www.OnTheRidge.Org/OnTheGo](http://www.OnTheRidge.Org/OnTheGo)**  
Five-Minute Bible Study Video, Two page Lesson Summary,  
And a PDF of the Study Guide



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Reaching children worldwide™

**Child Evangelism Fellowship** in  
**Southern Illinois** is a partner  
with local Bible-believing churches.

The goal is to reach as many children as  
possible with the life-changing message  
of the Gospel before their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday!

CEF sponsors after school programs  
(Good News Clubs) in several area  
schools. In addition, they conduct 5-Day  
Clubs during the summer.

We will receive a love offering for the  
work of the CEF Southern Illinois Chapter  
through September. Mark your offering,  
"Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF).

### House Donation Update

The donation of a house to the  
Ridge Church is almost complete.

Following the closing, the house  
will be listed for sale. As agreed  
to by the congregation, the  
proceeds from the sale will  
be used for building finishings.

The address of the donated house is  
1147 S. Glenbeth Dr, Carbondale.

## IBSA's Largest Online Training Event! Tuesday, October 13, 2020 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Training Night** has been designed to equip every  
leader in the church. Each participant will choose  
one breakout to view **LIVE**. All sessions will be  
recorded and available after the event to view.

### Fourteen Training Sessions-One Hour-One Night

1. *Casting Vision and Implementing Strategy* – Nate Adams
2. *Engaging Women in Discipleship that Impacts the Church*- Carmen Halsey
3. *How To Reach More Through Small Groups* – Ashby Tillery
4. *Sharing the Gospel with Kids* – Ryan Mulvaney
5. *Learning from other Revitalization Leaders* – Scott Foshie
6. *The Volunteer Church: Enlisting and Engaging Your Volunteers* – Mark Emerson
7. *Assimilation: From First Time Guests To Fully Engaged Members* – Jack Lucas
8. *Creating A Simple Youth Ministry Strategy* – Jay Barber
9. *Home Groups that Make Disciples* – Dustin Hale
10. *How To Develop Young Leaders in Your Church* – Kevin Jones
11. *Elevate Your Church's Social Media* – John Carruthers
12. *A Fully Mobilized Church* – Brad Lovin
13. *Developing A Leadership Culture* - Ben Jones
14. *Kids Ministry Outside of the Box* – Josh Renck

**To register or more info contact the Church office**  
**618.457.0479 / RidgeChurch@OnTheRidge.Org**

## Kids Ministry Conference and VBS 2021 Preview October 24, 2020; 9 a.m. -2 p.m.

This conference is designed for all Kid Min leaders  
with insight on current, relevant topics.

Attend in person or VIRTUALLY from your home via a live feed.

**Conference includes large group session and two breakout sessions.**  
**Everyone will have access to all 5 sessions after the conference.**

**Large group speaker: LifeWay Kids Ministry Specialist, Melita Thomas**

### The five breakouts to choose from are:

1. Partnering with Parents | Jimmy Hammond, Family Pastor Living Faith Baptist
2. Camp & Your KidMin Strategy | Scott Foshie, IBSA Director of Revitalization
3. Pre-School Ministry Essentials | Tracy DeRossett, Children's Ministry Bethel Baptist Troy
4. 8 Must Haves for every Kids Ministry | Jack Lucas, IBSA Director of Leadership Development.
5. (No) Jeopardy – Safety & Security | Melita Thomas, LifeWay Kids Ministry Specialist

**Schedule:** 8:30 a.m. - Registration  
9:00 a.m. - Session 1- VBS 2021 Preview  
10:30 a.m. - Break  
10:45 a.m. - Breakout 1 (5 choices)  
11:45 a.m. - Lunch  
12:15 p.m. - Breakout 2 (5 choices)  
1:15 p.m. - Session 2 - Re-opening Kids Ministry  
2:00 p.m. - Dismiss

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**Thanksgiving Baskets** – we will receive offerings for  
Thanksgiving Baskets through the month of October.  
Please mark your offering/check **Thanksgiving Baskets**.

The Ridge Church

October 2020

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October Birthdays

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Rebekeh Futia

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Helen Imhoff

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Shane Laughland

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Lois Anderson

Allie Hottensen

Barb Robinson

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Carol Baggett

Betty Jo Raney

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Amy Wilson

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Adam Colegrove

If birthdays were omitted,

please contact the church office.

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