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Alan Dover

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Shawn Wilson

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Josh Dover, Shawn Wilson, Jack Peterman  
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**Church Staff**

Pastor – Wes Henson  
Worship Leader – Debbie Henson  
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Let people know you are  
worshiping at The Ridge Church



**Sunday, March 22, 2020**

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**Statement Regarding Church Activities on The Ridge  
March 22-31, 2020**

After much prayer and discussion, the leadership team of The Ridge Church has decided to comply with CDC recommendations of not gathering in large groups.

**All activities, meetings and services at The Ridge Church are dismissed through March 31.** We will reassess after these two weeks and make further decisions.

**We still believe that gathering together in Bible study, worship and fellowship is of great importance for God's people, especially in these unprecedented times.** .

Therefore, we are including in this week's newsletter an **at-home Kids resource**. This resource will allow families to conduct weekly kids Bible studies at home through print and media. In addition, a link to the weekly **Adult Bible Study podcast** is included. Information regarding accessing these resources is printed in the newsletter. If you have difficulty please contact me (618.559.7132) and we will walk through it together.

Further, on **Sunday at 10:15 a.m.** I will stream a **Facebook Live** broadcast of the weekly Bible study. If you miss the live broadcast, it will be available for viewing.

Since all social activities and options are curtailed, we are faced with a unique spiritual opportunity. Let us redeem this time by

- Beginning a daily family worship
- Reading and discussing scripture and other spiritual books
- Memorizing scripture
- Initiating a family prayer time.

I encourage you to continue your financial support of The Ridge Church. As in your family, expenses continue to accrue for the family of God as well. You can mail your gift (7350 Old Hwy 13, Carbondale, IL 62901). Or you can give online through our website (OnTheRidge.Org/Give). In addition to your tithe to the General fund, you can designate a gift to the Debt Retirement fund, as well as the Annie Armstrong Easter offering.

Finally, let us embrace this exhortation of the Apostle Paul: *Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong* (1 Corinthians 16:13).



**Ramblings ... OnTheRidge**

*Let It Sink In*

Below is a recent blog post by local author **Jim Muir** from his recent book, *"Offerings: A Daily Collection of Wit and Wisdom Wrapped in an Attitude of Gratitude."* It's available from Amazon in several formats.

There is a lot of fear these days caused by the uncertainty we all feel around us. Fear can make normal and rational people do abnormal and irrational things. At its worst, fear can cripple a mind. I believe this post contains a full-proof remedy and the only place to channel our fears. My prayer is that you will not just read this post, but that you will carry the words below with you and remember them when fear tried to alter your life. Here's an excerpt from my book that addresses fear.

*"One of the most prevalent verses in the bible is "do not fear." That's a great reminder from God to live each day worry-free." – Anonymous*

I read through today's quote and it immediately triggered a recollection of a verse I think about when we are faced with fear. It's my go-to verse and one that I am sure you've heard often. **Isaiah 41:10** says: *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

I know most have heard this verse before, but have you ever slowed down and let it really sink in and resonate? I read it slowly word-by-word and it was then that the promises and the messages of hope jumped off the page at me. ... *do not fear ... I am with you ... do not be dismayed ... I am your God ... I will strengthen you ... I will help you ... I will hold you up with my righteous right hand.*

In only two short sentences, there are eight promises from God for us to use and embrace to face any and every situation that comes our way. **These two sentences provide a full-proof, full-service battle plan to conquer fear in our life!**

And maybe, along with all these wonderful promises and messages of hope, another lesson in this verse is for all of us to **slow down, don't be afraid and understand that God is in control.** My prayer is that perhaps when you feel the stress of everyday life closing in, you will remember the promises of **Isaiah 41:10.**

*We Labor Together With God, Wes*

## God's Tithes and our Offerings

<b>Weekly General Fund Needs</b>	<b>\$4,248.32</b>
General Fund Receipts	\$2,591.00
Debt Retirement	423.59
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	400.45
Youth	200.00

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering March 29

#### Debt Retirement- March

<b>Monthly Payment</b>	<b>\$3,808.51</b>
Received MTD	1,501.33
(Under)/Over	(\$2,307.18)

#### Keep in Touch

For news, updates, prayer concerns

- 1) **Take out your phone**
- 2) **Enter this number** - 81010
- 3) **Text this message** - @9g962d

### Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and kindness during our time of sorrow at the loss of our mother and sister, Joan Rider.

It is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

The Family of Joan Rider  
Cynthia & Raymond Massey  
Janell, Kimberlyn Massey  
Fran & Wayne Calhoun & Family



**Home Connection**  
Venida McKinnies  
Parkway Manor  
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Marion, IL 62959

Please remember Venida with a card or phone call

### Group Book Study

*"FEARLESS, IMAGINE YOUR LIFE WITHOUT FEAR"* - Max Lucado

In the midst of life's current challenges we are all looking for encouragement.

If you are interested in an interactive discussion group, on this book, text me (618.559.7132)

### Group Bible Study

*Unshakeable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God*

**Ten Day Bible Study**  
Beginning March 23.

We will explore 10 key promises of God found in the Bible and learn how these promises offer unshakable hope for our soul.

**Join the group here**  
[Tinyurl.com/TRC-HopeLucado](http://Tinyurl.com/TRC-HopeLucado)

## Free Family Bible Study for Churches Postponing Services

As the concerns over the Coronavirus have increased, many churches have decided to temporarily suspend meetings and move to an online platform. In response to this developing situation the **LifeWay Kids team has created a free, temporary, at-home resource**. This will allow families to conduct weekly media-driven kids Bible studies at home.

Through this resource families can access weekly Activity Pages, A conversation guide, a Bible Story video, Life Application video, a kids connection video, a missions video and gospel presentation resources.

New sessions will be updated weekly at midnight on Thursday nights so that families can have fresh content every weekend.

**To access the free LifeWay Kids at Home resources, please follow these steps:**

**Step 1:** Go to [my.lifeway.com/redeem](http://my.lifeway.com/redeem)

**Step 2:** Register if you are a new user or login if you already have an account

**Step 3:** Enter this redemption code: **VZMD4SSQ38**

**Step 4:** Click "**Access**" (sign in again) and then click "**My Dashboard,**" and go to **LifeWay Kids at Home**

**Step 5:** Download your Activity Page and One Conversation Sheet to use as you watch the video session. (Activity page/conversation sheet are printed insert)

If you have questions or difficulty with these instructions please text or call me, (618.559.7132) and I will walk you through the steps. **"Kids at Home: Preschool"** is also available free.

**Adult podcast** of this week's Bible Study (Faith, Hebrews 11:1-6) is found at [www.Tinyurl.com/TRC-03-22-20](http://www.Tinyurl.com/TRC-03-22-20).

## Lost and Found

Find each word and circle it.  
Tell a friend today's Bible story using each of the words.

S X U V F B I V Q E  
W Y W Y Q A Z T Y G  
P T L O J J T P G F  
Z A A P M L P H U E  
O W R N T A G Y E R  
K Q S T H V N M L R  
T Q K J Y O P K L I  
V R P E S C O I N Z  
Q E H I I O K O K M  
M S Z B L S H E E P

SON  
SHEEP  
WOMAN  
COIN  
LOOK  
FATHER  
HAPPY  
PARTY

The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor.  
LUKE 4:18 CSB

### UNIT VERSE

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he hath anointed me  
to preach the gospel to the poor.  
LUKE 4:18 KJV



## God's Love

Complete each sentence below using either words or pictures. Think about how much God loves you and cares for you. Remember that God loves you and is with you no matter what happens.

God cares about everyday things that happen like ...

God's greatest gift to me was when He sent ...

Jesus died so that I could ...

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

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## CONVERSATION

### Jesus Told Three Parables

LUKE 15

Jesus used parables to teach people. A parable is a story Jesus told to help people understand the kingdom of God.

#### The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Jesus taught, "Is there one here among you who would not leave his herd of ninety-nine sheep to search for a lost sheep until he finds it? When he finds the lost sheep, the shepherd puts him on his shoulders. He calls out to his neighbors and friends: 'Rejoice with me! I have found my lost sheep!' Jesus said that in heaven there will be more joy over one lost person who repents of his sin than over ninety-nine people who do not need to repent."

#### The Parable of the Lost Coin

A woman had ten silver coins. One of them was lost. The woman looked everywhere. She swept the house and kept on searching for the coin. When she found it, she called her friends to celebrate with her. Jesus said that in that same way, the angels rejoice when one person turns to God.

#### The Parable of the Lost Son

A man had two sons. One day the younger son said to his father, "Give me my share of the inheritance." So the father gave the younger son his part. The younger son packed his bags and went to a distant land where he lived foolishly and wasted his inheritance. Being tired and hungry, he decided to go home. He said to himself, "Even the servants in my father's house eat better than this! I will go to my father and ask if I can work for him because I am no longer worthy to be called his son." So the son headed for home. While he was still a long way off, his father saw the son coming toward home. The father ran to him, threw his arms around him, and kissed him. The son said, "I have sinned against God and against you." But the father told his servants, "Bring the best robe for my son. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Let's have a feast and celebrate! This son of mine was lost, and now he is found!"

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: 1 John 4:9

LIFE POINT: Jesus taught about God's love.

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Jesus Told Three Parables* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.



#### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today's Bible story focused on how Jesus taught about God's love. Jesus told three parables to emphasize how much God loves His people and how He rejoices when one person trusts Him as Savior and Lord.



#### LIVE IT OUT

Challenge your child to recall the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. Talk about what Jesus was teaching about God's love through the parables. Pray with your child, thanking God for His love.



#### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus taught about faith, trust, and obedience to God.



#### DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: 1 John 4:9  
Monday: Jeremiah 31:3  
Tuesday: John 15:9  
Wednesday: Psalm 136:26  
Thursday: Ephesians 2:4-5  
Friday: Nehemiah 15  
Saturday: 1 John 4:7

