

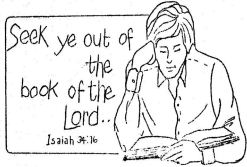


# Ridgeview

Where the Love of Christ is Proclaimed, Shared & Felt

**June 24, 2010**

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## A Message from Pastor Mark...

**But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. 1 Cor 1:27-29**

Few of us would think of ourselves as "boasting before God." Who are we to brag before the Almighty? On the other hand, however, I do think that we are often inclined to think that more of life depends on us and our abilities than is necessarily the case. Paul makes a point to the Corinthians right up front. God is not choosing the most talented, skilled, or strongest; but the weak and lowly.

You may remember choosing up sides for games and athletics in grade school. Two captains would alternate choosing from the group until everyone had been placed on one team or the other. The gifted went first, while the less skilled and less talented went last. That just seems to make sense. But not so with God. God chooses the lowly and even despised things of this world.

God does so, so that His mighty power will be displayed. God may choose the least, but when He is finished doing His great work in them, they come out as shining examples and heroes of the faith. Consider the Scriptural account that we will look at this coming Sunday. In Judges 6, we find the story of Gideon. Gideon is threshing his grain in a winepress because he is weak and afraid. The Midianites have been pillaging and stealing their crops. They are the bullies and Gideon is hiding in the winepress in order to gain anything from his harvest. The angel of the LORD appears to Gideon and says, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior." (Judges 6:12) Gideon questions everything God said. He wonders if God is really with him, and then points out that he is the weakest member of the weakest family in Israel. But God insists, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together." (6:16) In the end, Gideon does lead in a mighty victory that is clearly by the hand of God, and Gideon is remembered for his heroism.

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## *Ruth Simpson Is Home*

*From Thailand and Will Share With Us in the Sunday, June 27—6pm Service.*

We are glad that Ruth is back home with us and we are excited to hear what the Lord did while she was on the mission field.

**RIDGEVIEW'S ANNUAL PICNIC  
JULY 11—1PM  
WHITE OAKS BARN  
KENNEKUK COUNTY PARK**



We hope you can join us for this special time of fellowship. Please bring a dish to share with others and your place settings.

## **Vacation Bible School**

**"High Seas Expedition"**

**Monday—Friday**

**July 12-16**

**9am-12pm**



VBS is in need of the following: Empty toilet paper rolls, and empty paper towel rolls. Watch for more items needed in future publications. Mission Project will be collecting school supplies this year. Be sure to invite a child that would benefit from the ministry of Vacation Bible School.

## *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering June through July*

Total as of June 21st

\$1,315.00

# Ridgeview Reflections

You have heard it said, "Practice RANDOM acts of kindness." But I say to you, "Practice INTENTIONAL acts of kindness." Random acts of kindness are things that HAPPEN TO YOU. Intentional acts of kindness are things YOU MAKE HAPPEN. Random acts of kindness are things YOU WAIT FOR. Intentional acts of kindness are things YOU PURSUE.

Sunday night the Board of Missions was brainstorming about practical ways we could encourage people to share the Love of Christ. It got me thinking about the countless ways we can show God's Love in tangible, everyday things. There is no question that God would desire us to do this. It's at the core of what and who He has called us to be. It puts into practice loving Him, loving one another, and loving our neighbor. Our faith COMES ALIVE because we are putting action to our words (see James 2:14-26). Sometimes we may think being a Christian is more about not doing "bad" than it is about doing "good." But James 1:27 says it's a balance of both: "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

So I want to present a challenge to help us live this out. I believe with God's creative help, we as a church can come up with at least 1,000 INTENTIONAL acts of kindness. That is, specific simple ways to show God's Love. Obviously we will have to work together, so here's the game plan...

**Step 1:** Get a notebook and begin brainstorming and writing down your ideas. When you've got a list, bring it to church. You can email me your list (TonyMaryGoss@aol.com), turn it in to the office, or drop it in the brown box on the Missions bulletin board by the main restrooms. We will compile the lists and post them on the bulletin board (and maybe a few other places) so everyone can be encouraged by your ideas. We will keep this up until we hit at least 1,000. Of course, we will have duplicates. But we will not count duplicates toward the 1,000, so think creatively!!

**Step 2:** The fun part is going to be seeing how our ideas work. So I'm asking you to write down an INTENTIONAL act of kindness you do. It can be as short as a couple sentences or as long as several paragraphs. You can submit it anonymously if you like. We will then find ways to share your testimonies with Ridgeview. Depending on volume, we may not be able to publish them all.

**Step 3:** When you come to church, Bible study, etc., ask others what ideas God has given them lately, and which ones they've tried out. Maybe you'll talk to someone who doesn't know we're doing this and they will be encouraged to join in the adventure! Think about it! This will not only lead to more creative ideas, but more of God's Love being expressed, and more lives touched by God. The end results may just blow us away, because God's Love is an amazing, transforming thing! Both for the giver and the receiver.

*Pastor Tony*

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How does this relate to 'boasting before God'? Gideon shows us that boasting need not be obnoxious and braggadocios. We run the risk of boasting before God anytime we place the focus and spotlight on ourselves. Sometimes we are tempted to think that God is sure lucky to have someone like us in His corner. The Kingdom is much better off with someone of our training, our willingness and our desire to serve. Before God, that can be boasting.

Other times we are tempted to think that God can't use us because we are too inadequate. We are puny and ordinary for God to use effectively. But you see, in shifting the focus from God's sufficiency to our insufficiency, we boast before God. We assume center stage, which rightfully and best belongs to God.

God chooses to use those things that others consider foolish, lowly and even despised to display His all sufficient power, goodness and beauty. The best we can do is to make sure He has center stage in our lives. We watch for His call; we respond to His direction. We rely on Him. We trust in Him. We seek to glorify Him. We boast in Him.

*Pastor Mark*

The July/August Schedules Are Available in the Narthex for You to Pick Up. Thank You for Serving the Lord by Participating in this Ministry.



## Annual Church Golf Outing

Saturday—July 17—1:30pm

Harrison Park

Cost Per Person - \$40

The cost includes:

Golf Fees - Cart - Food



A sign up sheet will be available on the table in the Narthex.

**Deacon for - June**

Sam Rayapati - 443-8413

**Deaconess for - June**

June Cratz - 446-5427



## Thank You...

### Ridgeview Baptist Church,

Thank you once again for your shower collection in May. As always it was fantastic! We appreciate all your efforts!!

**Judy, Bridges Program Coordinator  
The Women's Care Clinic**

We have changed servers. Please make the changes to your address book and your bulk mail settings, so that it will accept our new addresses.



New Church Address:

**rbcdanville@yahoo.com**

Kathy's Church Secretary Email Address:

**Ridgeview@rbcdanville.comcastbiz.net**



OUR NURSING HOME  
OUTREACH

### Monday, June 28

Bowman Estates-2pm

### Monday, July 19

Colonial Manor -2pm

### Monday, July 26

Danville Care -2pm

### Faith in Action Report for May

During the month of May, 3 members of our congregation provided 16 hours for senior citizens. These hours included transportation, ramps, chores, advisory committee, and home visits. There will be orientations for new volunteers during the months of June and July located at the First Presbyterian Church, 100 N. Franklin Street. Please call their office at 431-8489 for more information.



### Birthdays and Anniversaries



If you have never given us your birth date or anniversary, please turn it in to Kathy in the church office. We do not want to leave anyone out in our church family. The year does not need to be included in the information. You can call, email, or just leave a note on my desk.

Kathy's Email:

Ridgeview@rbcdanville.comcastbiz.net

## Ridgeview Prayer Concerns

### Recent Health Concerns

Jeanette Carter

### Health Concerns

Sandra Alexander

Jeff Brooks

Beth Campbell

Ray Carter

Jim Chezem

David Conner

Martha Contreras

Mary Cosgrove

Valerie Crownover

Daniel Fairchild

Irma Goodwin

Laural & Mary Gransee

Rob Greene

Ginger Gustafson

Lucille Hathaway

Evelyn Howell

Mary Hull

LaVada Irvin

John & Karen Jaggors

Bill Kinney

Bobby Lewis

Alexis Lewsader

Audrey Little

Betty Lookingbill

Claire Manning

Harvey & Shirley Miller

Bill & Wilma Powell

Nancy Smith

Jonathan Starkey

Jonah Troglia

Carol Tabor

Chris Walter

### Shut-Ins

Florence Broderick

Mildred Burrows

Wilma Miller

Norm & Juanita Modglin

Janet Moore

Thelma Pouilliard

Paul Weese

Wade Winstead

### Military Service

Justin Chase

William Cosgrove

Captain Justin W Dyal

Merric Huffstutler

Derek Moederndorfer

M. Sgt Beth Schofill

Eric Shepherd

Chad Turner

Meagan (Walsh) Tabler

Captain Jason Young

### Missionaries

Kim Brown

John and Deb Coats

Scott and Tan Coats

Jeff and Annie Dieselberg

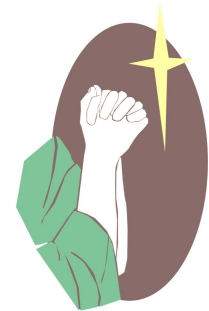
Chuck and Ruth Fox

Scott and Cindy Nelsen

Local Prison Ministry:

Juan Hernandez

**If you have updates on our prayer requests list, please contact the church office. Thank you.**



## REMINDER

Food Basket Ministry

**Date You Pick Up The Baskets to Deliver is:  
Saturday—June 26 ~ 9-10am**

### *1st Peter 1:22*

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

Ridgeview Baptist Church  
3838 N Vermilion St  
Danville, IL 61832  
217-442-2210  
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DANVILLE, IL 61832

**June 24, 2010**

## Ridgeview Youth Summer News



### High School Summer Bible Study

**Bring your lunch and meet in the kitchen!  
Thursdays—11am**

## Activities for June 26—July 26

### Saturday—26

Pick Up Your Food Baskets for Delivery—9-10am

### Sunday—27

Ruth Simpson Sharing—6pm

Board of Deacons—After PM Service

### Monday—28

Nursing Home Outreach, Bowman Estates—2pm

### Sunday—July 4

Have a Happy and Safe 4th

No Evening Service

### Monday—5

Primetimers Meeting—1pm

### Sunday—11

Church Picnic, Kennekuk County Park—1pm

No Evening Service

### Monday thru Friday—12-16

Vacation Bible School—9am-12Noon

Board of Deaconess—10am

Board of Trustees—6pm

### Saturday—17

Primetimers Event—White River State Park—7:30am

### Sunday—18

Vacation Bible School Sunday—AM Services

Youth Team Meeting—4pm

### Monday—19

Nursing Home Outreach, Colonial Manor—2pm

Board of Christian Education—7pm

### Sunday—25

Board of Deacons—Following PM Service

### Monday—26

Nursing Home Outreach, Danville Care—2pm

### Recurring Activities and Services

**Sunday Worship Services:** 8:40, 11:00am & 6pm

**Power Hour—**10am "Outlet" - 6pm

### EVERY MONDAY

Martha Emmert Quilting Circle—9am

Men's Fellowship and Bible Study—6pm

College, High School Guys & Girls Small Group—7pm

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

"Net-Works" Men's Breakfast—6:30am

BurdenBearers—6:15pm

Summer Bible Study—7:00pm

## Senior High "Outlet"

Throughout the summer we will still be meeting Sunday's at 6pm **in different locations each week**. So be sure to watch the newsletters and bulletins for the information on the place you will need to be. Questions: See Pastor Ben.



*Primetimers  
Event*

### White River State Park in Indianapolis

**July 17th**

**Leaving Church - 7:30am**

**Lunch will be at the park and  
Dinner at the Beef House.**

**We are traveling by van.**

**Cost: You Make Your Choice**

**Zoo — \$9.50**

**Indiana State Museum — \$6.50**

**IMAX Theater — \$7.50**

**NCAA Hall of Champions — \$3.00**

**American Indian Museum — \$7.00**

**SIGN UP SHEET IN NARTHEX**

**& TABLE BY THE KITCHEN**