



# Ridgeview

*Where the Love of Christ is Proclaimed, Shared & Felt*

**August 26, 2015**



## A Message from Pastor Mark...

"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." (Col 4:5-6 ESV)

Last month, we looked at this incredible directive found in Colossians 4. We are to relate to outsiders, to those outside the faith, to those outside the church. Rather than avoid them, we are to conduct ourselves with wisdom toward unbelievers. We dare not withdraw from them or avoid them because we are afraid of how the might influence us or reflect on us.

The reputation of the Gospel actually depends on you and me. If we can't relate to people, for whatever reason, we risk communicating to them that Jesus only loves a certain kind of person. We need to think seriously about how our actions toward them reflect on Jesus and His message of Good News.

I promised last time that we would look at the rest of Col. 4:5-6. God wants us to make 'the best use of our time' with unbelievers. Literally the Greek says "redeeming the time," or "buying up the opportunity." The implication is, "Don't just sit there and wait for opportunities to fall into your lap. Instead, go after them. Yes, buy them." There is definitely a time to be assertive in your relationship with an unbeliever.

I would hope that as Christians we won't become complacent about evangelism. God uses the Gospel to call His people out of the world. And how will they ever respond unless they hear the message? And how will they ever hear unless we tell them? And, as we discussed in our Sunday services over the last the couple of months, the time may be very short and the world is evil. Ephesians 5:15-17 says, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." (Eph 5:15-17)."

God wants our speech to always be gracious with unbelievers. Paul is asking us to be careful with our tongues.

Careful when we speak in public and in private; no gossip. We should be careful when we speak to an equal or someone in power; no slander. Careful when we speak to the poor and the rich; no favoritism. Careful not only when speaking of the gospel but also when speaking of the weather, the economy, politicians, the authorities. All our conversation should be good.

God wants us to be careful, gracious, and kind in our speech. Grace is getting what you do not deserve. We should give them kindness, love, compassion, and patience. And note the word "always." In all situations at all times... playing a sport, watching a movie, driving, shopping, in business, in church, out of church. Being gracious means to be kind, gentle, positive, helpful, and insightful.

A further description of this kind of gracious speech is to be seasoned with salt. The Lord calls us "the salt of the earth" in Matt. 5:13. Salt is a preservative. Salt prevents corruption. We may be tempted to avoid conversations with some people because they are often vile, crass, and filled with not so clean jokes; often in an effort to get that sense of belonging and being "in" with the rest of the group. But how do we show the love of Christ if we refuse to be part of their conversations? Avoiding such conversations only allows them to continue unaltered. How much better if we can engage in those conversations, yet refuse to allow our part to lose it's saltiness. In Eph 4:29 Paul said, "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." Maybe we can actually change the nature of such conversations through our participation, if it remains seasoned with salt.

Next time, we'll consider "how you may know how you ought to answer each person."

*Pastor Mark*



**Ridgeview Kids  
Starts Again  
Wednesday  
September 2 at 6:30pm**

**Opportunities To Serve**

1. We have a need for a Toddler Room Teacher
  2. Help in the Nursery and Toddler Room
  3. Children's church is also in need of help
  4. Wednesday night Nursery and Toddler Room
- Please contact the church office if you could be of help in any of these ministries.

**Other Areas To Serve Are**

1. Flower Beds Need To Be Weeded
2. Left Over Items From Personal Property That Went Thru The Fire Needs To Be Disposed Of
3. Weeds On Patio Need To Be Sprayed
4. Weeds Around Pavilion Need To Be Sprayed And Cut Down
5. Sticks And Limbs Need To Be Picked Up
6. Trees Along Dixie Acres Need To Be Pruned



**BOARD OF DEACONCESS MEETING INFORMATION**

**SEPTEMBER MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO  
MONDAY—SEPTEMBER 14—10:00AM**



**Wool Gathering  
Friday, September 25  
7:00-8:30pm**



**Sunday, October 18th—Mark Your Calendar Now  
You Won't Want To Miss Them!**

Ridgeview is excited to be able to host the Ugandan Kids Choir through Childcare Worldwide on Sunday evening October 18<sup>th</sup>. That is still a couple months away, but we need to work out details of host homes soon so that we know it will be possible for us to follow through on hosting them. If you would be interested in being a host please contact Pastor Tony and he will give you more details to find out if this will be a ministry you would be able to provide to these beautiful children.



...forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal...

Philippians 3:13-14 (ASV)

God is doing new and surprising things in once-Communist Hungary!

**Forgetting what is behind:** Hungary is still recovering from four decades of repressive Communist rule, during which schools were controlled by the government.

**And stretching forward to what is ahead:** Churches now have the opportunity to run schools where they can teach the Bible, nurture students in their faith and open new doors by providing courses in conversational English.

As part of this new approach to education, International Ministries partner Hungarian Baptist Aid has been given the opportunity to manage 49 schools throughout this eastern European country—serving 17,000 students in grades K-12. And the impact has been staggering!

Students and teachers alike are **blossoming** in grace filled environments as they study the Bible and see firsthand what a difference Jesus can make in their lives.

After-school clubs are **reaching** students with the gospel message, practical Bible teaching and the joy of the Lord.

Students are **stretching** their conversational English skills, thanks to American Baptists who are responding to the immediate and ongoing need for English-speaking teachers.

The amazing transformation that we see in Baptist-run schools in Hungary is just a snapshot of what is happening through IM's partners and nearly 1,800 missionaries and global workers in more than 70 countries around the world.

Whether God is Calling you to GO as a global volunteer or worker or to GIVE of your financial resources, let us join together in touching as many lives as possible in more than 70 countries around the globe.

## **Thank You!**

**I just want to take** this opportunity to thank all of you at Ridgeview for all the love and support you have shown me with the passing of my beloved Darryl.. To see the outpouring of love for him just warmed my heart. I will be moving to Michigan on August 14th and my new address will be: 18967 Sioux St, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036. My email will remain the same and my cell phone number is: 217-474-9824. I will be back for visits. Much love to you and wishing God's blessings on you and the church.

**Judy Hornback**

**I would like to say a huge thank you** to the Board Of Deaconess for all the food, cards, and box of household goodies given to me while I was sick. I greatly appreciate the kindness shown and feel blessed to be part of this church. I hope each lady will be greatly blessed. Thank you to Pastor Tony also for taking time out of his busy day to come see me while in the hospital. God bless all of you. Thank you again.

**Gloria Brown**

### **Dear Ridgeview Baptist Church**

I want to take a moment to thank you for your generous gift of money for school supplies to the "Back to School Supply" giveaway. Because of your generosity, there will be many children who will be able to start school on a positive note.

**God Bless: Sharon Sawka (Salvation Army)**

### **Ridgeview Baptist**

I would like to thank you for all your prayers, call and offers for meals. It was your caring and thoughtfulness that helped ease the burden of my great niece, Emily's passing and my recent heart attack.

**God's Blessings, Linda Hunter**

**Thank you to** Amanda Cole, Paula Conder, Joanne Beauvois, and Marilyn Cox for all the help you have given me during my recovery from a recent fall and hospital stay. Thank you to all of those that sent cards and gave me encouragement.

**Mercedes Gonzalez Santoni**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,** Thank you for your gifts equaling \$135.00 to Love, INC of Vermilion County. Your gifts are greatly appreciated. Thank you for making a difference in our community. Our organization relies on such gifts to fulfill our mission and your support makes a difference in our ability to provide service to the community.

**In Christ, Jeannette Hoss**

## **Prayer Request of Ridgeview Family and Friends**

**Our Sympathy To:**  
*Andy Steinbaugh, Joanna  
Howard and Jenny Huffman*  
in the passing of their  
grandfather, James White

### **Recent Requests**

Gloria Brown  
Roger Burton  
Toni Chase  
Debra Cole  
Pat Dabrowski  
Ken Decker  
Rosalie Henager  
Janet Hubbs  
Eric Pierce  
Barbara Schmutz

### **Continue To Pray For...**

Bob Bouton  
Jeff Brooks  
Mitzi Brown  
Jim Burke  
Bill & Genny Citizen  
Myrtle Cox  
Beveline Danner  
Amber Drullinger  
Mike Ervin  
Daniel Fairchild  
Mercedes Gonzalez Santoni  
Irma Goodwin  
Warren Greene  
Shirley Harris  
Lucille Hathaway  
Linda Hunter  
Tony Johnson  
John & Karen Jagers  
Charlotte Jones  
Carl Jordan  
Bobby Lewis  
Alexis Lewsader  
Audrey Little  
Claire Manning  
Natasha MacDonald  
John & Carole Marshall  
Jena Marshall  
Harvey & Shirley Miller  
Clay & Mary Niehaus  
Mary Pauley  
Ward Peace  
Wilma Powell  
Marjorie Rothwell  
Kevin Sherman  
Kyle Shipman  
Lela Faye Story  
Carol Tabor

### **Continued...**

Dalton Trimble  
Bobby Waddell  
Chris Walter  
Otis & Chris Wells  
Amber Willis  
Sadie Woodard

### **Military Service**

Justin Chase  
Tyler Brooks  
Merric Huffstutler  
Travis Sentelle  
Eric Sheppard  
Chad & Meagan Tabler  
Dalton Trimble  
Adam Waddell  
Matthew Waltzer  
Ryan Williams  
Zach Wills  
Captain Jason Young

### **Shut-Ins**

Madeline Daily  
Gail Doggett  
Martha Powell

### **Missionaries**

Kim Brown  
John and Deb Coats  
Scott and Tan Coats  
Jeff and Annie Dieselberg  
Chuck and Ruth Fox  
Taku and Katie Longkumer  
Scott and Cindy Nelsen  
Sarah Komarabathuni  
Ruthe Simpson



**Don Longer's New Phone  
Number and mailing address:**

**Don Longer  
c/o Kaluza  
315 Cedar Ave  
Morton IL 61550**

**Phone#: 1-309-291-0145**

**New Address for:**

**Judy Hornback  
18967 Sioux St  
Clinton Township MI 48036  
Phone#: 217-474-9824**



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**August General Fund**

Giving		Budget
August 2	\$6,997.61	\$30,291.15
August 9	5,177.01	<b>Total To Date</b>
August 16	4,146.67	\$20,569.13
August 23	4,247.84	



**Jesus said, "My house will be called a house of prayer."**

We are seeking ways to live that out and make prayer a greater part of what we do together as His Body. In your bulletin in the coming Sundays, you will find a day/time chart on which you can indicate when you would be able/interested in participating in prayer with a small group. Please fill it out, marking the slots when you CAN meet, and place it in the offering or turn it in to the office. We will use these to put people together who are able to meet at the same time of the week for prayer.



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**RIDGEVIEW YOUTH NEWS**

**Lock In**

On August 14th and 15th we had a lock in here at the church! We had 19 students and 3 leaders who stayed up all night! The evening festivities included a devotion, pizza, a nerf war, and many different games and sports. Everyone had a great time and it was a great way to end the summer!

**Game Day**

On August 29th we will be hosting our monthly game day! This starts at 10 AM and usually goes until around 5 PM. These are advanced board and card games. We love to teach how to play these so come learn a new game or bring one of your own and teach us! Hope to see you Saturday! The game day next month will be Saturday September 19th at 10 AM!

**Trail Life Recruit Night**

On August 31st our Trail Life Troop here at Ridgeview is hosting a recruitment day! Our motto is "Walk Worthy." Trail Life is an organization that emphasizes on spiritual formation through outdoor adventure and character building. This is a great program for those who love being active outdoors or those who would like to learn outdoor skills such as camping, hiking, rope work, and many others. If you are interested in joining Trail Life as a volunteer or a Trailman this is a great opportunity for you! We will be demonstrating some of the skills you can learn (such as fire building, using a compass, knots, campsite set up and gear) and answering questions about Trail Life. Please join us on August 31st at Ridgeview Baptist Church at 6PM to find out more about Trail Life. If you have and questions feel free to contact Joe Mann or e-mail me at [jmann144@yahoo.com](mailto:jmann144@yahoo.com).



Come Play  
**Basketball**

On Tuesday's at 6PM you are invited to play basketball! This is for Jr. High through adults! Come get some exercise in friendly competitive games!

*Joe Mann*