

BLUE RIDGE

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From My Heart

Summer is still here and we are going to have fun at Blue Ridge. What is the best way to have fun? By eating of course! In August we have 4 Big opportunities to do some serious eating at Blue Ridge. Our *Watermelon Fellowship* on the 5th followed by our Prayer Bible Study, our *Fellowship Lunch* on the 12th, our *BakeOff* on the 19th followed by our Prayer Bible study, and our *Football Breakfast for Wetumpka High School* on the 31st!

It all should be a lot of fun, a chance to enjoy one another, to invite your friends to Blue Ridge, and a chance to minister to the Wetumpka Football Team. It also will be a chance to eat some great food! Mark your calendars, bring a friend and a large appetite and join us for all Four Fellowships.

While summer is still here for a while, our children's summer vacation is just about over. The question is, did they have a good summer at Blue Ridge? The answer of course is No! They did not have a good summer at Blue Ridge; they had an **Incredible** summer at Blue Ridge! One of the many reasons I love our folks at Blue Ridge is because you all care about our children and youth. No child or youth had a better summer than our kids and the friends they brought with them.

Take a stroll with me in June and July. June began out **Kid's Klub** and our children went through Game Day Central which taught them how to be a Hero for Christ. Our theme verse was **Deuteronomy 5:32** "*So be careful to do what the Lord your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left.*" They learned Five simple truths: True Heroes obey God even when it is not easy, True Heroes do their best in everything, True Heroes Believe in Jesus and Follow God's plan, True Heroes Put Others First, and True Heroes Tell Others About Jesus. Along with these Bible

truths they had crafts, recreation, lunch, and field trips. Our kids swam at the Brown's pool, visited the Planetarium, took a tour of Biscuits Stadium, visited the McWane Center, swam at the Riddle's pool, and went to the movies. Before we swam at the Riddle's we contacted every child in the neighborhood to invite them to Kid's Klub and VBS.

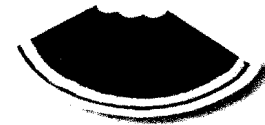
We thank our great crew of Jackie Carney and Emily Riddle who were there every week and our entire church family who made donations so the kids could take our trips, and who sent snacks. We love you and appreciate you all!

Then there was "**Game On!**" VBS 2018. Nobody does VBS better than Blue Ridge! Our Snacks, Crafts, Bible Study, Worship, and Decorations were all world class. No other VBS had me in a press box in the baptistery! We also had our first ever Youth class which was a big time success thanks to Don Roney. All of our teachers and workers did a fantastic job! Your love for our kids makes all the difference. If you got to attend our **VBS Family Night** you were blessed, the kids did soooooo well and you were sooooo kind filling up the VBS Store and providing wonderful refreshments!

Our Youth also got to visit **The Space and Rocket Center** thanks to your donations on our Youth lunches. We appreciate Don and Emily Roney, and Susan Hansen, and Jackie for making the trip possible. You all are a joy. Our Youth finished out their summer with a **Lock Out Monday**. They visited the park, went bowling, bouncing, and finished up with a movie back at church.






This summer will not just be a great memory for our children and youth, but it will be a foundation to build their faith on. They learned many truths that will lead them to life and godliness. They also will forever remember that their family at Blue Ridge loves them! Two have made decisions for Christ! Thank you all and let's get eating!

Bro. John



Amazing August Arrives!

Bring Your Friends and Family to Blue Ridge for a Great Time in the Lazy, Hazy Last Days of Summer

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| Sunday, August 5 | Enjoy a Watermelon Cutting, Along with Any Melons or Fruit Salad You Bring to Share  |
| Sunday, August 12 | Our Monthly Fellowship Meal   |
| Sunday, August 19 | Blue Ridge Bake-off, Fun Competition  |
| Monday, August 27 | Ladies Craft Night, Jewelry Class, 5:30 pm |
| Friday, August 31 | Blue Ridge Feeds the Wetumpka High School Indians a Hearty Breakfast  |



25th Anniversary Celebration

Next month on September 12, Bro. John will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of his call by our Lord to Blue Ridge Baptist Church. He has enjoyed working alongside our church family from those days to our present-day members.

"Whatever you do, work at it wholeheartedly, as working for the Lord, rather than for men." Colossians 3:23

Bro. John has served with all his heart and soul and with great joy to share Jesus' love for all of us to know in our daily lives. He looks forward to many more days in His service with you.



Welcome to our Newest Member:

By Statement:

Gerri Robbins

3955 Marie Cook Drive

Montgomery 36109



Watermelon Cutting Day on August 5th!

Relax, come and enjoy a good old-fashioned Southern tradition at church. You may bring melons, fruit salads, lemonade, or whatever you enjoy for a cool Sunday afternoon together.



VBS Was a Joyful Event for Sharing Jesus!

So many of our church family came together to make up our usual Vacation Bible School a source of love and inspiration for Children and Youth who came on July 15-19 and on Family Night on July 22! I saw everyone smiling while serving in each area. In fact, we inspire each other as we serve. Beginning with the Worship Pep Rally, in a beautifully prepared Sanctuary, we had a time of learning Scripture through songs, movements, giving, and pledging to the American flag, the Christian flag, and the Bible. We all began the night with ways to worship we don't usually do every day. Maybe we should adopt some of those practices no matter our age. It sure gets your heart moving in positive ways! Then we moved to time with Bible Study teachers who made their rooms so exciting for a learning and playing environment! Then on to Snacks divinely inspired and meticulously prepared to match our daily theme. Next came Crafts to make and be reminded of our daily Bible story. Helping hands assisted everyone of all levels of craft ability. Then came the excitement of Music and Sports movements as the kids became cheerleaders for Jesus. It is always amazing to see them learn the Music in one week! We thank our church family for the many very nice items you gave for the VBS Store. We also thank those outside our church who sent toys, stuffed animals, school supplies, and fun hair gadgets—Patsy George, Lisa Lott, and Mayson Lott. Thank you for caring about

the children. We also enjoyed delicious Family Night refreshments brought by our church family to share.

I thank our Lord for each VBS leader and assistants who served, and I thank our Lord for allowing me to experience the fun and rewards of service to Him by joining our fabulous family at BRBC as we prayed, planned, studied, and served unselfishly in VBS! You are a blessing to us all!

Our VBS Roster of Workers

Shelly, Madeline, and Katie Bennett, Emily Roney, Amy, Sydney, and Morgan Brown, Emily Riddle, Linda Graydon, Wendy and Christena Aldridge, Barbara Harris, Shirley Davis, Lorrie Sereneck, Susan Hansen, Nathan Bennett, Marilyn McGrady, Linda Jones, Renee' Miller, Bro. John Carney, Don Roney (our first Youth Class), Jim Harris, Jim Beck, Gerri Robbins, David Brown, Ryan and Kelley Manni, and Jackie Carney. Hip Hip Hooray! Say Yes to VBS and receive a blessing for your heart as you share!

In His Love and Appreciation,
Jackie Carney, VBS Director

Our VBS Enrollment: 52 Average Attendance: 45
Offering: \$76.86 in Kids' Coins



Thank You to Buddy Davis, Jim Beck, Jim Harris, Shelly Bennett, Barbara Harris, David Funchess, Terry Graydon and Bro. John and Jackie who worked hard on the interior and exterior of the church in preparation for VBS. We cannot thank them enough for caring to present our best face to those who drop their kids off and for those of us serving in VBS. Thank you to Buddy and Shirley Davis, Lorrie Sereneck, Barbara and Jim Harris, Terry Graydon, and Bro. John for giving supplies for our kitchen, classrooms, and restrooms. You are all a blessing.



Dear Blue Ridge Baptist Church Family,

Thank you very much for everything you did to help make our 50th Anniversary celebration so nice. Thank you for coming together for us at this special time in our lives. We appreciate everything.

Love, Terry and Linda Graydon

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4	Chris Mitchell
8	Jeffery Mitchell
10	Madeline Bennett Justin Brown
11	Janet Johnson
24	Gina Mallonee Caterina Elliott

OOPS: Lorrie Sereneck's birthday was on July 10th! So sorry! :(

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 27 FOR OUR JEWELRY MAKING CLASS.

KIDS AND YOUTH SUMMER AT BRBC

We just completed our Summer program for Preschoolers up to 12th Grade. We had great fun at the Backyard Bible Clubs going to the Planetarium, to the Space Camp venue, to Justin Brown's pool, on a Biscuits Stadium tour, swimming at Jimmy and Emily Riddle's home, a movie at the Roney's, a trip to Shakespeare Park for games, bowling, bouncing at Launch, a movie, and a trip to the McWane Center. Thank you so much, Emily Riddle, for ministering to our kids this whole summer! Pray for Emily as she begins Law school this month. Thank you to Bro. John, Emily and Don Roney, and Jackie for being there for us. We thank all those who provided scholarships for the kids, so they could go. You made a real difference in their lives as we saw and heard them mature in their faith and consideration of others. PTL!



Children's Ministry in August



5: Nursery & Toddlers: Bennett & Carney; CC: Wendy Aldridge
12: Nursery & Toddlers: Shirley Davis and Susan Bass; Children's Choir with Susan Hansen, Renee' Miller
19: Nursery & Toddlers: Barbara Harris CC: Christena Aldridge
26: Nursery and Preschool: Lorrie Sereneck; Children's Choir: Susan Hansen and Renee' Miller

A Letter from the Mallonees

Hi y'all,

I just wanted to drop a quick note to let you know we are moving back to the States. I am excited and sad at the same time. James will be returning to Charlottesville for work, which means we get more time with Lynn and the grandbabies there. But it also means leaving Jayme and the grandkids here as well as our lovely cottage and people in the church that have become like family. We will be back in Virginia mid-September. We will let you know what the address will be when we know. We are putting our house there up for sale, so we can be closer to Charlottesville, so James doesn't have as long of a commute.

The girls are all doing well, they of course each live separate lives. Jayme is still in Liverpool. School is still in session for another month. But we get to see them about every 2 months or so.

Gina is keeping busy. She is working at the community college as their graphic design/social media for their tutoring center. However, she has been going through the hiring process to work for the same government agency James works for, DIA. She will be working as a graphic designer for them when the whole clearance process is done.

As you probably heard, Lynn had a beautiful baby girl on May 22. She is a busy stay at home Mom.

I hope all is well with everyone. We think and pray for you often. We look forward to our next trip South.

Love y'all, Jody and James

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August is Fellowship Month

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 Bake Off Sunday, August 19th

Fellowship Lunch Sunday, August 12th
 Football Breakfast Friday, August 31st

AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	Counting and Lock Up David Funchess		1 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	2	3	4	
5 Watermelon Fellowship 5:00 PM	6 Visitation 7:00 PM	7	8 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	9	10	11 Invite a Friend to Lunch this Sunday!	
12 Fellowship Lunch Discipleship 5:00 PM	13 Visitation 5:00 PM	14	15 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	16	17	18	
19 Bake Off Fellowship 5:00 PM	20 Visitation 7:00 PM	21	22 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	23	24	25	
26 Discipleship 5PM	27 Craft Night 5:30 PM	28	29 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	30 Visit us on the web at blueridgebaptistchurch.net	31 Football Prayer Breakfast 7:00 AM		
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