

BLUE RIDGE

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From My Heart

Merry Christmas Christ is born! Christmas will be joyous around Blue Ridge this year. It all begins December 2nd with the Ladies Ornament Exchange at Shoney's at 8:30 AM. On December 8th the Children and Youth will be in the Christmas on the Coosa Parade, we are still looking for some adults to walk beside the float to pass out candy, a great chance to get in the spirit and get some exercise too. Sunday, December 9th brings the Christmas Play and Musical at 11:00 AM and Christmas Dinner at 5:00 PM. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors! December 23rd will bring my favorite, our Candlelight & Carol Service at 5:00 PM.

Throughout the month we will have special music and messages that will turn your heart toward our Savior born in Bethlehem.

Throughout the Christmas season keep two realities in mind; some are looking for a Savior and some are looking to silence the Savior. This is certainly played out in the original Christmas story. In Matthew 2:2 we find Wisemen who, *"have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him."* The searching in their hearts had led them to literally get on their camels in search of the Christ Child. You can see their longing hearts all over Matthew chapter two. Verse 10 *"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy."* Verse 11 *"they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him."*

Don't give up on this cold hearted world. Don't believe that nobody has room for Christ in their heart anymore. *This world is mighty sophisticated and pretends it has all the answers, but deep down most people are searching for something more.* Many have no idea what they are searching for, but they know something is

missing. That something is Jesus and if they ever heard and understood the Good News like the Wisemen, they too would fall to their knees and worship.

Your little world needs to know why you sing **Joy to the World!** If they knew that God so loved them that He sent His One and only Son they just might join in on the chorus.

But what about those who hate Christmas? The Christmas story had a villain and his name was King Herod. Matthew 2:16 describes him as *"angry"*. Why was he angry? He was afraid that this up start King of the Jews would take his throne. How mad was he, so mad he had every male child two years and younger in Bethlehem killed.

Herod was vile, but his motive for rejecting Jesus is the same for everyone who rejects Jesus. It is not that they do not understand the Good News; it is that they are unwilling to give Jesus the throne of their life. They would rather glorify themselves even if it means condemnation and hell. They don't understand that before it is all over, *"every knee will bow... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord"* Philippians 2:10, 11

Don't worry about the Grinches in your life this Christmas, just focus on the Wisemen and women whose hearts are longing for a Saviour. Bring them to Blue Ridge and join in the celebration. Just tell them to park their camels in the courtyard.

Bro. John

This Sunday is the day to bring your offering for the Repair the Roof Fund. Let say thank you to all who have given and will give to meet this need. I rejoice believing that God will meet our needs in greater ways than we could ever imagine! I am grateful for all the Family of Faith at Blue Ridge.



I love you all Merry Christmas!

Jesus Is Born

*"Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you;
He is Christ the Lord."*



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"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will to men."



*All ladies and their children are invited to
our Annual Christmas Breakfast and
Ornament Exchange
on Sunday morning, December 2, 2018
At 8:30 am
At the newly renovated Shoney's of
Wetumpka,*

*Enjoy the buffet or choose from the menu.
Bring a wrapped ornament to exchange.*

*"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit
rejoices in God my Savior..." Luke 1:46,47*



*You are invited to be entertained by the
Blue Ridge Players, the Children's and Youth
Choirs for a musical/drama presentation of,
"The First Day of Christmas",
A delightful, fun look at the real reason
for our Christmas Celebration and the
True Love story of Christmas
on Sunday morning, December 9, 2018.
Bring the neighbors and your family!*



A Christmas Parade



*Our Youth and Children, along with the Carneys
and Roneys will create a float and join the
Christmas parade downtown on Saturday,
December 8. They will pass out candy to the folks
who gather there. Let us know if you would like to
join us. We are packing 1500 peppermint sticks
with information about our church attached.*



*Please join us for our
Annual Community Christmas Dinner
On Sunday, December 9, 2018
At 5:00 pm.
Please bring your favorite Christmas
dinner side dishes and desserts to share
with everyone. The Social Committee will
provide the main dishes.*

*Christmas Caroling in Blue Ridge
On Wednesday, December 19*



Come join the carolers at 6:00 pm for joyful noises and fun as we visit Seniors and Homebound in our neighborhood and maybe some will go outside Blue Ridge. Please let us know if you know of someone who would enjoy this visit.

We will share a fruit/candy basket with those we see, so if you would like to donate some of those, please do so between Sunday the 16th and that Wednesday morning.

Candlelight and Carols



**Sunday evening, December 23, 2018
At 5:00 pm**

**Let us celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord
As we come together for Scripture, beautiful
songs, and lighting candles of unity.**

Christmas Angels



Watch for the family we will bless this Christmas by checking the Board outside the church office on December 2. WE WILL HAVE A SHORTER TIME SPAN TO GATHER GIFTS THIS YEAR.



December Children's Ministry

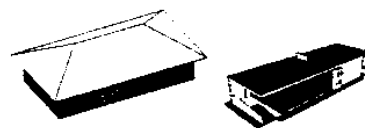


- 2: Nursery & Toddlers: Bennett & Carney; CC: Wendy Aldridge and Renee' Miller
- 9: Nursery & Toddlers: Shirley Davis and Susan Bass; Children's Choir with Susan Hansen, Renee' Miller
- 16: Nursery & Toddlers: Barbara Harris CC: Christena Aldridge and Renee' Miller
- 23: Nursery and Preschool: Lorrie Sereneck; Children's Choir: Susan Hansen and Renee' Miller
- 30: 5th Sunday volunteers

♪ Blessings!

We thank Clarence Mann and Reborn Harmony for blessing us in song on Sundays this month.

Our Roof Repair Effort is Underway!



Thank you to everyone in our church family and to everyone of our friends and family outside the church who have given to this long-needed repair to our House of Worship. We are moving upward in our donation goal, but we have a way to go. God has been so good to supply our needs through your hearts and your hands of prayer. We trust Him as He hears our prayers and soon, we will have the building in the shape that honors Him.

Thank You to the Mallonees and the Cheathams



We have so much to be thankful for with our friends Joyce and Don Cheatham and Jody and James Mallonee. They never fail to remember their church home at Blue Ridge and we always thank God for them. They made such a lasting legacy of love and service while they were here, and we are so very blessed by their ongoing gifts of their tithes and offerings and their prayers for us. We pray special blessings on them and their families. Merry Christmas to you all!

December Birthdays

- 4 Tammy Cannon
- 5 Sydney Brown
- 9 Linda Graydon
- 14 Lynn Mallonee Lee
- 17 Chasity Elliott
- 18 Vincent Bennett
- 20 Brenda Chambliss
- 27 Renee' Miller
- 28 John Mallonee
- 31 Howard Bayerle, Jr.
Jon Wall

Thank You, Church Family

We had a fantastic Thanksgiving Dinner in November and we have much to be thankful for from our wonderful church family. We had gracious plenty of food and desserts. We thank Jim Harris for frying our turkeys and Susan Hansen for the delicious ham. Renee' Miller baked up some scrumptious dressing for us all. Everyone outdid themselves with all the side dishes and bread. We loved the pretty Thanksgiving plates and napkins. Thank you to Janet Johnson for the kitchen supplies. Thank you to Jim Harris, Buddy Davis, and Bro. John for sprucing up our church grounds.

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Ladies Ornament Exchange December 2nd 8:30 AM
Christmas Play/Musical Christmas Dinner December 9th

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Counting and Lock Up David Brown					1
2 Ladies Ornament Exchange 8:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM	3 Visitation 7:00 PM	4	5 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	6	7	8 <i>Christmas on the Coosa Parade</i> <i>See our float join the fun!</i>
9 <i>Christmas Play/Musical</i> 11:00 AM Christmas Dinner 5:00 PM	10 Visitation 7:00 PM	11	12 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	13	14	15
16 Bible Study 5:00 PM	17 Visitation 7:00 PM	18	19 Christmas Caroling 6:00 PM	20	21	22
23 <i>Candlelight and Carol</i> 5:00 PM	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas Christ is Born!</i>	26 No Wednesday Activities	27 Visit us on the web at blueridgebaptistchurch.net	28	29
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