

BLUE RIDGE

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From My Heart

What makes summer memorable?

As a child, it was probably your vacation trip with your family. These days' vacations are elaborate and exotic. Even families with the humblest of means have been on trips that I would have considered worthy of "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" when I was a child. Our summer trips always took us to my grandparents.

What made those trips memorable and fun was not the fancy hotel we stayed in, but everything that went wrong. Heading to Oklahoma, half the fun was traveling there. I feel sorry for anyone who has never traveled in a car without air conditioning; it is an adventure all by itself. There is a type of air conditioning, it is called 4-55 AC which means all four windows are down and you are traveling 55 mph. The end result is twofold: Nobody wants to touch anyone because everybody is hot and sticky and everybody's hair is really weird when you all get out of the car.

On those trips we always stopped at the same places. One stop was Stuckey's where I learned to love divinity and the other was some pizza place where my sister Nancy loudly proclaimed to the world that she did not like anchovies.

The hotels we stayed in were one step below a Motel 6. Two memories stand out. One was when we had a TV that resembled the eye of an alien. I was sure it was staring at me all night long and second, the night a roach crossed the bed my two sisters were sleeping on, you have never heard so much commotion in one small room.

Once we got to Oklahoma we stayed at my grandparent's house. Two vivid memories were the number of glasses sitting before us at breakfast (one for juice, one for milk, one for water, and a cup for coffee) and the fact that they only had one window AC which sat in

the living room. Many a night you could find me standing in front of that unit trying to cool down.

Our chief source of entertainment was my Aunt Ruth's family. They had 6 children all around my sisters and my ages. We were quiet and boring, but they were exciting and bouncing off the walls. It was fun just trying to keep up.

Those simple vacations were a joy and fill up my memories to this day. My mind is also filled with other exciting summer memories that all took place at church. Those memories are filled with big adventures to Dude Ranches, Trips into Space, Voyages under the Sea, and trips to London, Egypt, and down the Amazon. Not only have these trips been fun, but they have been times of great fellowship where I have made friendships that have lasted decades. Even more important, these adventures have been an opportunities to see God work in mighty ways. Of course what I am talking about is Vacation Bible School where at Blue Ridge I have seen children get saved, grow up and have children and see those children get saved too. VBS is a mighty tool which God still uses to win children, draw families, and transform churches.

This year our VBS will take place Sunday, July 15 through Thursday, July 19 from 6:30-8:30 nightly. Our theme is ***Game On! Gearing up for Life's Big Game.*** Our verse for the week is ***II Peter 1:3 "His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness."*** It is a sports theme and it will be Great!

We are going to be putting a lot of effort in getting the word out. If you know a child or a family with children give them an invitation and tell us about them so we can reach out too. God can and will work if we will all get involved. Sign up. Pray. Give. Invite. Come and catch the excitement, but whatever you do don't miss out.

Bro. John

**Vacation
Bible
School**

Summershine at Blue Ridge in July



Our Nation's Independence Day on July 4th

- Kids' Klub
 - Adult VBS
 - Camp Meeting Days
 - Tyler-Manni Wedding
 - Graydon's 50th Anniversary Celebration
 - "Game On" Vacation Bible School & Family Night
 - Voting at Blue Ridge on July 17th
- "God Bless America, Land That We Love"*


Happy 4th July!
 **Menu** 

JOIN US FOR OUR JULY
 FELLOWSHIP MEAL
 ON SUNDAY, JULY 15
 RIGHT AFTER MORNING
 WORSHIP



Pray for Kelley Tyler and Ryan Manni
 As they unite in marriage
 At Blue Ridge Baptist Church on
 Saturday, July 7, 2018
 At 10:00 am.

CAMP MEETING DAYS ARE HERE!
ALL SUMMER THROUGH LABOR DAY WE HAVE
WORSHIP SERVICES WITH CASUAL DRESS,
GREAT MUSIC, AND TIMELY SERMONS. PLEASE
TURN IN YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS,


 VBS is on July 15-19 at 6:30- 8:30 pm

Make this summer a game changer in your life! Join the Blue Ridge VBS Team and make a true difference for Jesus Christ and His little children. Talk to Bro. John or Jackie to find your place to be of service. Please pray for our summer VBS missionaries signed up to date:

Preschool: Shelly Bennett, Katie Bennett
 Kindergarten and First Grade: Amy Brown
 2nd-4th Grade: Emily Riddle
 VBX: Wendy Aldridge, Christena Aldridge
 Youth: Don Roney
 Floater: Emily Roney
 Snacks: Barbara Harris, Shirley Davis, Lorrie Sereneck
 Music: Renee' Miller
 Crafts: Susan Hansen, Nathan Bennett
 Missions: Kelley Tyler, Ryan Manni
 Photographer: Jim Harris
 Floater and Donations: Jim Beck Banker: David Brown
 Art Construction: Marilyn McGrady, Linda Jones
 VBS Pastor: Rev. John Carney
 VBS Director: Jackie Carney

All teachers and areas of or special stops can use extra hands on any evening you can come by. Everyone, we need your prayers daily. Please bring toys and items for our VBS Store and finger foods for Family Pep Rally Night on the 22nd. Help the Boys v. Girls offering by sharing coins with the kids. Come join the fun!



An Invitation From the Graydon Family
 You are invited to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of
Terry and Linda Graydon
 On Sunday, July 8 at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall
 Of Blue Ridge Baptist Church.

Thank You From the Gideons

Dear Bro. Carney,
 I want to thank you for letting me tell your Congregation about the Gideon Ministry. The collection will buy over 70 testaments to distribute.

Sincerely,
 Stanley W. Foy



Kids' Korner

We are having great times at Kids' Klub this summer. We have Bro. John and Jackie, along with Emily Riddle leading us on great adventures. We have had fun outdoor and indoor games, Great Game Day Central Bible Stories, Crafts, and trips to the Brown's house for swimming, to the Planetarium, to the Biscuits Stadium Tour, and we will go to the McWane Science Hands-on Science Museum, and other locations in July. Let Bro. John know if you would like to share scholarship funds.

We look forward to VBS, our favorite way to learn 5 weeks of Bible Studies in one week. Thank you, church family, for securing the children's salvation through your support of VBS!



Youth News and Views

Wow! We had a great time at the Huntsville Space Center, learning more about the great planet Earth that God created for us. We met Nasa Scientists and engineers that led us on guided tours. We learned about the future of space travel. We had great devotionals and quality time together- all 16 of us! We thank Bro. John and Jackie, Don and Emily Roney, and Susan Hansen for chaperoning us and for getting us great discounts on everything. Thank you, church family for supporting our fundraisers to help us go.

We have another trip to Pensacola planned in the "coolness" of September. We have Backyard Bible Clubs coming up this month at the home of our church members. We thank Jimmy Riddle and Emily Riddle for having a BYBC at their home and pool. If you would like to loan us your yard to hold a 1 1/2 hour BYBC or if you have neighbors with children, please invite them and let Bro. John know. We have our Annual Youth Lock-Out Coming Up! Youth VBS is July 15-19!



Painting with Emily Roney

Our painting classes have grown, and we have all learned that we can paint! The next class will be on July 23 at 5:30-6:00 to start and then paint for a couple of hours if you like. Thank you, Emily for all that you do to prepare and design our classes.



July Birthdays

- 1 Kenny Wilkerson
- 2 Anne Funchess
- 3 Ari Sharofi
- 7 Buddy Davis
- 9 Jody Mallonee
Henry Blake
- 14 Brooke Riddle
- 17 David Funchess
- 27 Shelly Bennett
James Miller
- 31 Trent and Tyler Aldridge



Our Special Thank You to James and Jody and Don and Joyce. We are so thankful to the Mallonees in England and to the Cheathams in London, Kentucky who always remember us with their monthly tithes and offerings. Your remembrance helps us in all areas of ministry in our church's life. We thank God for you and your generosity.



Children's Ministry in July



- 1: Nursery & Toddlers: Bennett & Carney; CC: Wendy Aldridge
- 8: Nursery & Toddlers: Shirley Davis and Susan Bass; Children's Choir with Susan Hansen, Renee' Miller
- 15: Nursery & Toddlers: Barbara Harris CC: Christena Aldridge
- 22: Nursery and Preschool: Lorrie Sereneck; Children's Choir: Susan Hansen and Renee' Miller
- 29: Volunteers Needed



Pray about your vote on July 17!



Our Monthly BRBC Missions Reminder

Summer is here, and we don't want to forget the ladies and children at the Friendship Mission shelter for the homeless. They can always use clothing, shoes, and paper goods for everyone there. The Men's Shelter can use the same.

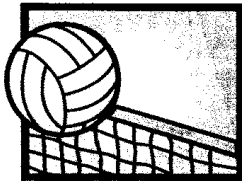
The Elmore Food Pantry needs oatmeal, peanut butter, dry peas and beans, and anything else our needy families can take home with them.

The coins you share with the VBS kids goes to the Cooperative Program which funds our Missions efforts in America and around the world.



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Game On! VBS 2018 July 15-19 6:30 Nightly

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 BYBC at the Riddle's Fellowship Lunch July 15 VBS Family Night July 22

JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Discipleship 5PM	2 Counting and Lock Up Terry Graydon	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6	7 Tyler/Manni Wedding 10:00 AM	
8 Graydon 50th Anniversary 2:00 PM	9 Children/Youth Trip to McWane Center Leave 8:30 AM	10	11 Back Yard Bible Club at The Riddle's 9:30-11:00 AM Prayer & Share 5:00 PM	12	13	14 Clean Up Day 9:00 AM Join us on this day or pick a project during the week.	
15 Fellowship Lunch Game On! VBS 2018 Begins 6:30-8:30 PM	16 Game On! 6:30-8:30 PM	17 Game On! 6:30-8:30 PM Vote at Blue Ridge	18 Game On! 6:30-8:30 PM	19 Game On! 6:30-8:30 PM	20	21	
22 VBS Family Night 6:30 PM	23 Visitation 7:00 PM	24 Kid's Klub 10:00 AM	25 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	26	27	28	
29 Discipleship 5PM	30 Visitation 7:00 PM	31		Visit us on the web at blueridgebaptistchurch.net			
		June 2018 S M T W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		August 2018 S M T W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		Notes: Coming Up! VBS Game On! July 15th VBS Family Night July 22nd	