

# BLUE RIDGE

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## From My Heart

**S**ummer is here! At least it feels like summer. There are lot of great things coming our way including VBS, great meals, and Camp Meeting Days.

One important day that always comes under the radar is Father's Day. It is an important day because dads are vital to the success of a home. I saw the front page of a local newspaper which announced that the public schools are doing great with their preschool program. I think that is great, but that is not the problem. The problem starts around 5<sup>th</sup> grade when a lot of the children wake up one day and realize my home is messed up and things start heading down hill.

God created little babies to be cute and adorable so even the hard hearted among us will love them. God put in the heart of a child a desire to love and adore their parents, but at some point they grow up and they cannot understand why those they love do not love and care for them. Those precious little ones become hardhearted, angry, and school becomes very unimportant. They do not have love, security, and they have no positive example to follow so excelling at school is next to impossible.

It is time that we as men and parents stood up and did the job God called us to do which is to, "*bring them up in the training of the Lord*". How do we do that? Let me offer three suggestions. First, SHOW UP! The most important thing in life is to show up. Too many Dads and Moms do not show up. Show up for EVERYTHING! I cannot tell you how many times I have let a child use the phone at church to plead with their parent to come see them perform in a play or a musical. In tears they plead please come see me, but the parents do not come. Unless you are fixing the roof or the boss won't let you, you better start showing up. I attended a funeral the other day and the one thing

repeated over and over through tears was that they showed up to my ballgames, recitals, awards programs. If it matters to your children, it better matter to you.

Second, learn some self control. The secret to success in a child's future career, relationships, and happiness is self control. If you cannot control yourself you will lose everything even your freedom. Children need to see self control modeled. You can punish them all you like, but if they don't see it lived out you are spinning your wheels. In my own life I have only found real self control when I have surrendered myself to my Savior. When I yield to Him everything seems to fall in place. For the sake of your kids get your life in order and surrender to the Savior.

Finally, live today for your Savior and your family. Nobody is perfect and we all have a past we would like to forget, but we do have today. Your children will love you even if your past is flawed, but they long for you to live right today! I remember a fellow who had a pretty messed up past. He had done some many crazy things that it was funny to everyone, but his family. One day God got a hold of his life and he wanted to live different for his Savior and especially for his family. It turned out that he did not have many days left, but he gave everyone to the Lord. I remember the day he marched his whole family to church. I can imagine that at first they might have wondered what dad was up to, but as the days past they knew he was for real. Today is all we have, but it is all our family wants. Yesterday is gone, but you have 24 hours to love and lead your family so take advantage of it.

Summer means VBS is coming July 9-13. This year we will be *Galactic Starveyors*. We will discover the God of the universe and find out that He loves us and was willing to send His Son so that we can have a relationship with Him. Pray for VBS, Participate in VBS, and Invite Somebody to VBS!

Summer also means Camp Meeting Days, causal dress and dynamic worship. I hope you won't miss a Sunday.

*In His Love,*

*Bro. John*



## A Joy-filled June at Blue Ridge



**June 6 is Kid's Klub, 10:00-1:00, Bring a lunch, Yahoo!**



**June 11 is our Monthly Fellowship Meal- Share a dish**



**June 18 is Father's Day- Bring your Dad and Grandad**




**June 25 is our Vacation Bible School Workers Meeting**

**Father's Day is June 18...We Love Our Dads!**



**Bring your Dads, Grandads, and special men in your life to church on Sunday, June 19 for a challenging, affirming message from Bro. John. We have a nice gift for each one present.**

*"To be a good father and mother requires that the parents defer many of their own needs and desires in favor of the needs of their children. As a consequence of this sacrifice, conscientious parents develop a nobility of character and learn to put into practice the selfless truths taught by the Savior Himself." James E. Faust*

Announcing  a VBS Workers Meeting on Sunday, June 25 at 4:00 pm. Please sign up to help in your area of interest as we plant the seeds of salvation through "Galactic Starveyors" VBS, 6:30-8:30 pm on July 9-13. You will have a blast!

## SPRING

### Spring Fling was Fun!

Friends, Jumping, Music, Marshmallow Stuffing, Pie Eating, Rope Tugging, Hotdog Eating, Face Painting, Laughing, Hay Riding, Corn Shucking, and more all made up the smiles and laughter we had on May 28 at our annual Spring Fling. We missed our friends who were sick and those who took a vacation, but for those of us here, we had an afternoon of pure old fashioned delight. We thank Shirley Davis for helping set up and take down, Buddy Davis for being our DJ, Linda and Terry Graydon for setting up and taking down, Jim Beck for bringing a great grill, Renee' and James Miller for setting up and taking down, JJ Cannon for taking down, Bro. John for organizing and working throughout the day, Susan Hansen for helping with the mailout, JoAnn Woodfin for the hay, David Funchess for the hsyride, Gracie Briggum for face painting, Bro. John, Terry Graydon, Ryan Manni, and Ben Lowry for grilling hotdogs, and our church family who gave all of the food and supplies. And now here are the winners of our games:

Pie Eating: James Miller

Corn Shucking: James Miller

Tug 'o War: Girls Team

Corn Hole: Ryan Manni

Bowling: Ryan Manni

Egg Toss: Harley and Haley Bethea

Waiting for the Dinner Bell  


Everybody come enjoy a delicious Sunday Dinner as we have our June Fellowship Meal on June 11 right after Morning Worship. Bring a dish and/or dessert to share and enjoy a time of fellowship. Susan Hansen and Shelly Bennett are our hosts.



Thank you, Lord, for the Cheathams and Mallonees!

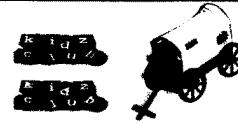
Thank you so much to James and Jody Mallonee and Dr. Don and Joyce Cheatham for the very generous offerings they send to the church. They lend great support to our church ministries and help to keep us doing the Lord's work. We thank the Mallonees for the extra gift they felt lead to send. Little did they know that we had a termite problem that caused us great expense. They shared that the Lord spoke to them to do so at just about the same time that the pest discovery was made. Praise the Lord for answered prayer! We thank our members who gave above their tithes and offerings to help repair damage done. Thank you to Terry Graydon, Jim Harris, and the House and Grounds Committee for their ongoing work on the building.



Summer Begins on June 21! If you are going on vacation, please remember to leave your tithes and offerings to support the church while you are away.



4: Nursery & Toddlers: Bennett; CC: Aldridge  
 11: Nursery & Toddlers: Amy Brown; CC: Hansen  
 18: Nursery & Toddlers: Kay Bozeman & Janet Johnson; CC: Christena & Tyler Aldridge  
 25 Nursery: Bennett; Toddlers: Carney; CC: Hansen



**Kid's Klub Meets on Tuesday, June 6.**  
 Come join us at Saddleback Ridge as we have a Bible Story, a fun craft, games, and music that is a lot of fun! Children grades 1-6 are invited and you may bring friends. Don't forget a sack lunch.  
**Happy Trails!**

Congratulations on New Baby Girl Aldridge!



Congratulations to Eric and Nichole Aldridge on the birth of a baby girl, Rylie Ann, born on May 4, 2017. Rylie weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 inches long. Chloe is the proud big sister. Rocky and Wendy Aldridge are the proud grandparents.



Youth News and Views



Summer is Here this Month and School is Out! Soon we will be heading out on our Mission Trip. We ask our church family to keep us in their prayers and know how much we appreciate their ongoing support in our fundraisers. Without you, some could not go on the trip. You make a profound difference in the lives of these young people. Thank you, sweet family.



June Birthdays

- 1 Shelby Gurthie
- 5 David Singleton
- 12 Rev. John Carney
- 13 Jennifer Funchess
- 18 Billy Chambliss
- 26 Madlee Cannon
- 29 Kay Bozeman
- 30 Jimmy Riddle



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Happy  
*Father's*  
 Day

**Fellowship Lunch June 11**  
**Father's Day Service June 18**

# JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Counting and Lock Up David Brown			1	2	3
4 Youth Fundraiser Lunch Discipleship 5:00 PM	5 Visitation 7:00 PM	6 Kid's Klub 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	7 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	8	9	10
11 Fellowship Lunch	12 Visitation 7:00 PM	13	14 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19 Visitation 7:00 PM	20	21 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	22	23	24
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		May 2017 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	July 2017 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	<b>Notes:</b> <b>Coming Up!</b> <b>VBS</b> 9-Jul <b>Family Night</b> 16-Jul		