

# BLUE RIDGE

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## From My Heart

Spring is just around the corner. It all begins on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:58 CDT. I love Spring! I love it more than most because *I grew up where winter was more like winter.* Every night I saw the temperature drop well below freezing and every day I saw the winds howl every afternoon. In high school, baseball started in January and ran through May which meant about half of the season was played in the winter. I enjoyed everything about baseball except shivering in the outfield. I remember going to bed one night looking forward to a ballgame the next day. When I awoke the next morning there was 27 inches of snow in my backyard. We didn't play ball that day or the rest of the week because of the snow drifts. I longed for Spring to come because Spring meant change and most importantly warmth.

Spring is when the Vernal Equinox comes. Vernal is Latin for Spring and Equinox is Latin for equal days. On March 20<sup>th</sup> there will be an equal amount of day light and night. From this day forward our half of the earth will begin tilting toward the sun a little more each day until June 21<sup>st</sup>. What happens when Spring begins and we start tilting? The earth gets a little warmer everyday, farmers plant their crops, bears come out of hibernation, animals have their babies, grass turns green, Blue Ridge gets beautiful, it rains more in April, and flowers bloom in May, and in short order farmers harvest their crops.

**Spring is beautiful, Spring brings new life, Spring is our hope for a harvest, and Spring is a gift from God.** Take a minute to read Genesis chapters 1 and 2 or Psalm 8 and remind yourself of all that God created just for us. As the season begins to change let it open your heart to the God who loves you so much He gave you Spring!

I really like Psalm 91 which describes what a mighty fortress our God is and what he is willing to do to provide and protect us: *"Because he loves me", says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."* Psalm 91:14-16

Spring is a picture of the salvation that God offers to our world. It is a new beginning, a fresh start, a time of transformation, and most of all a time when all of our needs are met. There are people all around you that long not just for Spring to come to their yards, flowers, and trees, but to their own personal lives. Take a moment to pray for them and to invite them to hear about the New Life that our Savior has to offer. Remember that 97% of those out there in world will come if we will only ask them. The sad news is that our world is more willing to listen to the hope of the Gospel than we are willing to share it.

**Make a commitment to brag on God this Spring as he transforms Blue Ridge into a garden that is exploding with color and life.** Let your world know about the God who will meet their every need and who brings Spring! Invite them to church and be a part of bringing new life to their dried up existence.

In His Love,

**Bro. John**

Great fellowship opportunities in March: Our Fellowship Lunch on the 10<sup>th</sup> and our Youth Lunch/Kite Day on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The only thing better than the great food we share together is the sweet fellowship we share around the tables.

New Sunday night Bible Study in March is coming. Join us as we walk through the 7 Letters to the 7 Churches in Revelation every Sunday at 5:00 PM beginning March 10<sup>th</sup>.





# MARCH



# Spring



## March Festival of Fun at Blue Ridge!

*Come Join Us to Celebrate March Majesty at Blue Ridge*

**Every Sunday: Sunday School at 9:45 am Morning Worship at 11:00 am**

**Every Wednesday: Adult Bible Study at 5:00 pm Youth, Children, & Preschool at 7:00 pm**

*March 10 Fellowship Lunch...Dine In With Us*

*March 17 Youth Sponsored Lunch! Kites! Games! Music*

*March 24 Annie Armstrong Emphasis*



### March Fellowship Meal in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, March 10, 2019**

Join us around the tables in the Fellowship Hall where we will share Sunday dinner dishes and desserts we bring, along with great conversation. Barbara and Jim Harris are our hosts and will make our dining area festive and fun.



**Calling All Blue Ridgers to be reminded to spring your clocks forward on Saturday night, March 9. You can make it to church on time and we will all love to see you!**



**Let's Remember our North American Missions Emphasis**

**On Sunday, March 24. The Annie Armstrong Offering theme is "Sending Hope".**

100% of your gifts support more than 5,000 missionaries who are pushing back lostness and are planting churches in North America. Pray about your gift you will

give.



*Happy Kite Festival*

### Lunch! Kites! Indoor Games! Outdoor Games!

Bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy a great day of food and fun at Blue Ridge. All ages are invited to have fun flying a kite and playing games, inside and out. The Youth Family will provide a delicious lunch right after Morning Worship to kick off a great afternoon on Sunday, March 17.

**Come Support our Church at the Gold Star Park Family Fun Day on Saturday, April 6. We will give out candy, play a game, and promote our church at our booth. This friendly event is from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.**



Beginning This Month.....

### "Seven Letters to Seven Churches"

**Sunday Afternoons at 5:00**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we enjoy study, conversations, and coffee.

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**Fun at the Blue Ridge Valentine Banquet and Talent Show**

The Fellowship Hall was decorated beautifully by Susan Bass and Shirley Davis. Bro. John emceed and shared funny jokes. The Youth Family of Supporters served a delicious Grilled Chicken Lunch, with giant - cooked to perfection baked potatoes prepared by Bro. John, "unbundled" delicious green beans, and tossed salad prepared by Amy Brown and Emily Riddle made a delicious Caesar Salad and dessert with Renee' Miller's banana Pudding, cookies and tea provided by Susan Hansen and Shelly Bennett, along with ice cream cups provided by Bro. John. Yum! Then we were entertained by our wonderful *Raborn Harmony*. Two games were enjoyed by each person at the Banquet--- Heads Up and Wheel of Fortune with Vanna and Pat. We shared great fellowship with a lot of laughs and fun. We sure enjoyed our visitors, Cindy, Scott, Tammy, Brian, and his precious children being with us. Thank you to our church family for supporting our Youth trip coming in May to Shocco Springs and then to Summer Bible Camp in June.



**Thank You Church Family from the Tornado Victims!**

We asked how we could help the tornado victims in downtown Wetumpka. The Emergency people asked us to bring a hot breakfast to them and we did so this on February 6<sup>th</sup>. We purchased the breakfast for 80 from Hardee's. Thank you to all who gave over \$300.00 and delivered the meal to the Town Hall. The Police Chaplin was there to meet us, and they were very grateful. Keep the workers and victims in your prayers. Thank you for your generosity Blue Ridge!

**Congratulations, Girls!**



Morgan Brown has recently led a Disciple Now weekend for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade girls in Tallahassee, Florida and will go to China as a representative of Troy University, where she is a student. Wow!

Congratulations to Chasity Elliott for awards she has received as a member of the Wetumpka Jr. Varsity Track Team.



**March Birthdays!**



- 4 Fay Milton
- 5 Spencer Lott
- 6 Joyce Cheatham  
Caroline Roney  
Eric Aldridge
- 15 Miranda Palmer
- 17 Cody Griffin
- 24 Don Cheatham
- 25 Catarina Elliott
- 28 Keith Pendley
- 30 David Brown

*Thank You*

*Thank You to the Cheathams and the Mallonees*

*We are eternally thankful to Don and Joyce and James and Jody for their prayers for our church and for sharing their tithes and offerings with our church family at Blue Ridge. They assure that our church's ministries continue day-to-day. We love and appreciate them.*



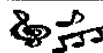
*Easter is Later This Year and is on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Watch for our Easter Schedule.*



**Children's Ministry in March**



- 3: Nursery & Toddlers: Bennett & Carney; CC: Wendy Aldridge
  - 10: Nursery & Toddlers: Shirley Davis and Susan Bass; CC: Susan Hansen and Renee' Miller
  - 17: Nursery & Toddlers: Barbara Harris CC: Christena Aldridge
  - 24: Nursery and Preschool: Lorrie Sereneck; Children's Choir: Susan Hansen and Renee' Miller
- Volunteers Needed on (March 31)**



**Y'all Come!**



**Senior Adult Singing  
With Frank Jones**

**Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00 am  
Eastmont Baptist Church**

**\$5.00 without lunch, \$10.00 with lunch  
Deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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**MARCH 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Counting and Lock Up David Brown	<b>March Festival of Fun</b>			1	2
3	4 Visitation 7:00 PM	5	6 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	7	8	9 <i>Move your clocks ahead one hour tonight</i>
10 <b>Fellowship Lunch</b> 7 Letters to 7 Churches Bible Study 5:00 PM	11 Visitation 7:00 PM	12	13 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	14	15	16
17 <b>Youth Lunch and Kite Day</b> 7 Letters Bible Study 5:00 PM	18 Visitation 7:00 PM	19	20 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	21	22	23
24 <b>Annie Armstrong Offering</b> 7 Letters Bible Study 5:00 PM	25 Visitation 7:00 PM	26	27 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	28 Visit us on the web at <a href="http://blueridgebaptistchurch.net">blueridgebaptistchurch.net</a>	29	30
31 7 Letters Bible Study 5:00 PM		<b>February 2019</b> 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		<b>April 2019</b> 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		<b>Notes:</b> <b>Coming Up!</b> 7 Letters Family Fun March April 7th