

BLUE RIDGE

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From My Heart

Happy Anniversary Blue Ridge! Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4 says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for activity under heaven: a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance." This is a time celebrate and to remember God's blessings at Blue Ridge.

My mind and heart is filled with tons of memories of events and people at Blue Ridge. This year will be Jackie's and my 25th VBS at Blue Ridge! There has been a couple thousand children march through our sanctuary over the years. We have built Wild West sets, rockets to outer space, been to London, and explored the pyramids of Egypt. We have reached children, shared the Gospel, seen hundreds accept Christ as Savior and Lord, and we have had big time fun.

It has been a joy to baptize hundreds here at Blue Ridge. There is no greater joy than seeing someone declare their faith in Christ! We have had great revivals, crusades, wonderful music (Is there anything better than Reborn Harmony & Clarence Mann?), joyous musicals and plays, and great times of Discipleship.

We are an active fellowship and boy do we eat! Nobody does Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner better than Blue Ridge. We are kind and generous too. Over the years our fellowship has reached out to countless individuals and causes and has sent lots of shoeboxes around the world. Many times needs have been met very quietly without any recognition. As your pastor I appreciate your heart and concern for those in need.

As I have thought about my time here at Blue Ridge I tried to think of a big event that ties up what Blue Ridge means to me. I came up with a memory

that is not big and spectacular, but we have had those events. We had over 500 on our lawn as the Olympic torch passed by, we were key to the success of the only crusade ever held in Elmore County, we have baptized 7 on a Sunday and had renown preachers proclaim God's Word in our pulpit, but my memory is a simple one.

More than ten years ago we had a big plumbing problem. It was going to cost a fortune. We could either pay someone 5 to 7 thousand dollars to fix it or we could do it ourselves. Since I know nothing about plumbing I thought we ought to do it ourselves. Fortunately I knew Louis Rogers who was an expert in plumbing. Louis would provide the guidance and a fellow named Tim and I would provide the labor. The whole job consisted of digging a long ditch across our property, laying pipe and rerouting our water supply. It all sounded simple and it was until we had to run the pipe under one of our sidewalks.

For what seemed like hours, Tim and I dug with every kind of tool imaginable in an attempt to get under that sidewalk, but we made little progress. We eventually gave up and went inside to cool off. When we returned we found two of Louis Rogers legs sticking out of the hole. Somehow, dragging him out of the hole gave us the strength to power through to the other side. In short order we hooked up the pipe and the church was saved thousands of dollars.

I smile every time I walk over that side walk, not because we saved a lot of money, but because I got to work along side some good friends in Christ for the cause of Christ. It is my joy to work along side you my friends in Christ every week and for that I am very grateful. Happy Anniversary!

In His Love,

Bro. John

Mark 10:29, 30





happy anniversary

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2018

A Blue Ridge Marvelous May A Month of Celebrating Our Church Family

May 6

Celebrate Our 53rd Anniversary of the Founding of Blue Ridge Baptist Church

May 13

Celebrate Our Mothers and Grandmothers

May 20

Celebrate our 2018 Graduates

May 27

May Play Day for All Ages



*Invite Your Friends and Family to
Celebrate Our*

*53rd Church Anniversary
On Sunday, May 6, 2018*

*We will have a beautiful worship service with
Roborn Harmony performing,
As well as Clarence Mann.
Bring your favorite Sunday dinner dishes and
desserts and enjoy lunch right after
Morning Worship.*



*Our church family will bring Sunday dinner
side dishes and desserts. Our Homecoming
Committee will provide turkey and ham.
Bring any pictures and documents you want to
share on the tables in the hallways.*




Proverbs
25-30

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come; she speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.
28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."
30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.



Bring your Mothers, Grandmothers, and special ladies in your life to church on Sunday, May 13 when they will receive a nice gift and recognition.



Our congratulations and Christian love are expressed to our 2018 Blue Ridge Graduates:

Emily Riddle
The University of Alabama

Madeline Bennett
Catholic High School

Madlee Cannon
Wetumpka Middle School

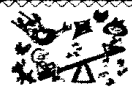
Chasity Elliott
Wetumpka Elementary

Jonathan Lowry
Redland Elementary to Middle School

Haley Bethea
Redland Elementary to Middle School

Harley Bethea
Redland Elementary to Middle School


Please let us know of any other Graduates.



Kid's Korner

School is Out this Month!

Get ready for Kid's Klub and Pastor's Pals in June and July. We will have Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, and some great field trips to help make your summer more fun.



May Birthdays

- 1 Jayme Mallonee
- 3 Favor Williams
- 5 Hannah Greenshields
- 6 Cindy Singleton
- 8 Gracie Briggum
- 9 Kristina Mallette
- 10 Susan Owen
- Morgan Carney Lott
- Ryan Manni
- 11 Wendy Chambliss
- 24 Linda Jones
- 27 Don Jones



Yay, Clarence Mann has returned from England where he was honored by the Essence Soul Music Festival. We love you, Clarence! Congratulations!

Camp Meeting Days are Here From Memorial Day to Labor Day! Casual Worship and Dress, Favorite Hymns, and Great Fellowship!

Our Eternal Gratefulness

We always thank our Lord for our friends, Don and Joyce Cheatham in London, KY and James and Jody Mallonee in England for always remembering our church with their tithes and offerings. You allow our church ministries to continue to honor our Lord.

SAY YEA, YEA, YEA, YES TO BLUE RIDGE VBS ON JULY 15-19 FROM 6:30-8:30 pm. Sign up Sunday! Game On!!!

Preschool & Children's Ministry

6: Nursery & Toddlers: Bennett & Carney, CC: Wendy Aldridge

13: Nursery & Toddlers: Shirley Davis and Susan Bass; CC: Children's Choir with Susan Hansen, Renee' Miller

20: Nursery & Toddlers: Barbara Harris CC: Christena Aldridge

27: Nursery and Preschool: Lorrie Sereneck; CC: Children's Choir with Susan Hansen



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Happy Anniversary

Anniversary Celebration Service Sunday, May 6th
 A Gift for Every Mother Sunday, May 13th

APRIL 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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| | Counting and Lock Up David Funchess | 1 | 2 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 6 53rd Anniversary Celebration and Lunch | 7 Visitation 7:00 PM | 8 | 9 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM | 10 | 11 | 12 | |
| 13 Mother's Day Service | 14 Visitation 7:00 PM | 15 | 16 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM | 17 | 18 | 19 | |
| 20 Graduate Recognition Discipleship 5:00 PM | 21 Visitation 7:00 PM | 22 | 23 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM | 24 | 25 | 26 | |
| 27 Camp Meeting Days Begin | 28 Memorial Day | 29 | 30 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM | Visit us on the web at blueridgebaptistchurch.net | | | |
| | | March 2018 S M T W Th F Sa 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 | | May 2018 S M T W Th F Sa 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! 53 Anniversary Mother's Day May 6th May 13th | |