

BLUE RIDGE

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From My Heart

The L.A. Dodgers are on fire! I have been a Dodger fan since I was a boy. The Dodger's had a minor league team where I grew up and I watched people like Ron Cey, Davey Lopes, Steve Yeager, and a lot of others guys you probably don't know, but helped the Dodgers win a lot of games.

This year's team is winning like I have never seen before. At last count they have won 38 of the last 44 games. To put it in perspective, the Nationals are having a great season, but they are 10 games behind the Dodgers. Will they keep winning like that? I have been disappointed many times before, but I'm going to enjoy it while it lasts.

When I was in college, we were visiting relatives in California and my dad took me to a Dodger game. Since we were probably never going to make it to another game my Dad wanted good seats. He paid extra and we were supposed to sit right on top of third base. We did end up on top, on top of the stadium and we also ended up some where near the bullpen. The game was great and my dad and I had a fantastic time. Two things I remember about the game was the fellow behind us and Steve Yeager. The guy behind us bought everything that came our way and they sold everything in stands. I started keeping track and he must have bought over \$200 dollars worth of popcorn, banners, and on and on.

Steve Yeager, the Dodger catcher won the ballgame in the bottom of the 9th inning. Yeager was a great defensive catcher, but a terrible hitter. On this night, he hit a powerful 30 foot grounder, but it was good enough to drive in the winning run and beat their rivals, the San Francisco Giants.

Wouldn't it great if you could win every day? The Bible says you can. In fact the Bible says that in both the Old and New Testament. Joshua 1:7 says, "*Be strong and very courageous. Be*

careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go." And I John 5:14, 15 says, "*This is the confidence we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him.*" The truth is you can win everyday and you can live everyday with confidence, boldness, and courage if you will choose to live in obedience to God.

What does it mean to live in obedience to God? At its base it is doing what God commands. God's Word is very simple. In John 13:34, 35 Jesus gave us a new command, "*Love one another as I have loved you*". Paul fleshed it out a little bit in Colossians 3:13 where he tells us to bear with each other and to forgive each other. Before Jesus ascended to Heaven after his resurrection he also commanded us in Matthew 28:19 to "*go and make disciples*" to share the Good News. Peter reminds us that since we belong to God then we are a "*holy*" people and we ought to act like it (1 Peter 2:9).

When you live in obedience to God you live in victory and you overcome the world! That is what the Apostle John said in 1 John 5:4 and I believe it. Join us every week as we seek the victory God promises.

August will be great! It all starts with Reborn Harmony on August the 6th and wraps up with a Youth Fundraiser Lunch on August 27th. In between you will find our Fellowship Lunch, and excuses to eat some watermelon and ice cream, a Men's Breakfast, one last Kid's Klub, Youth VBS, and a trip to see the Biscuits.

I hope to see you Sunday! Also let me know if anyone is up for a road trip to L.A. in late October.

In His Love,

Bro. John





Come One, Come All



August is a Sweet Month at Blue Ridge



Sweet Fellowships, Watermelon (August 6th 5:00 PM), Ice Cream (August 20th 5:00 PM),

And Camp Meeting Days!



We are so happy to announce and welcome our newest members:

By Letter:

Don and Emily Roney
260 Old Jasmine Hill Road
Wetumpka, Alabama 36093



And the children: Avery, Evelyn, and Caroline Roney

Attention All Men!



We will have a great Brotherhood Breakfast
On Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 7:30 am.

You will enjoy the best breakfast around and hear a great speaker, our own Don Roney, while experiencing the wonderful fellowship of our Blue Ridge men.



Mark Your Calendar...

For Friday, October 8, 2017

Our church will host the Wetumpka High School Football Team and share a great home-cooked breakfast with them.

We will help get them ready for their game that night.

See Terry Graydon, our Brotherhood Director for information.

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You are invited to our Monthly Fellowship Lunch
On Sunday, August 13, 2017
Right after Morning Worship.

Our hosts are Susan Hansen and Shelly Bennett.
Bring your favorite end of summer dishes and or
desserts to share.

School Days

The School Bell Rings

For our students, the school bell rings this month. Let's all pray for them to have a great year of education, safe and secure in the Lord's arms. Pray for the teachers and administrators who oversee them and for homeschoolers. Pray for the school bus drivers who give them safe travel. Pray for Emily Riddle as she goes back to the University of Alabama for her senior year and then to law school. Pray for Morgan Brown as she begins her freshman year at Troy University. Pray for Madeline Pendley as she continues law school at Samford University. Pray for Tommy Miller as he continues his education at Trenholm. Pray for others who are still making their college and career decisions.



Kid's Korner



Kids Klub Rides Again Tuesday, August 1, Yehaw! And then, it is off into the sunset until next summer! All kids grades 1-6 are welcome to join Bro. John, Emily Riddle, Jim Beck, and Mrs. Jackie for a rooting, tooting, great day of fun at the church. We have been visiting Saddle Ridge Ranch and playing games, hearing Bible Stories and fishing for answers, making crafts, learning cowboy manners, studying prayer, singing fun songs, and sharing friendship. Our partners get mighty hungry and thirsty, so we really thank Miss Emily, the Harris', the Davis', and the Jones' for all of the great snacks and drinks you brought us... We couldn't do without you! Summer vacation is coming to an end this month. We just finished a great VBS 2017. Everyone who gave their time in service in rotations and to the VBS Store and everyone who helped to decorate and build gave of their time, talents, finances, and hearts for the children who came to Blue Ridge to hear about Jesus! It all began with Marilyn McGrady and Linda Jones building our Clubhouse. This will always be a memory to hold of their school vacation time this year. Thank you for honoring these families and our Lord and Savior with your gift of giving back.

Remember as you go back to your classrooms, to take Jesus with you. Share Him with those who need a friend, who seem sad, and who are bullied- and the bully, too. There is no greater friend! **Happy Trails to You!**



Youth News and Views



Vacation Bible School for Youth.....is on Monday, August 7 and it's our Youth Lock-Out VBS!

Our Youth and chaperones thank our church family for your prayers and financial support that made our Summer Mission Trip possible. We had a safe journey with our glorious Lord providing us with children to teach and reach and with new youth friends from First Baptist Robertsdale to help us share about Jesus through Vacation Bible School 2017. We held sessions of VBS at the Gulf State Park and at an RV Park meeting house. We gave away free goodies at the Beach on Saturday. We met children and their parents from many other states. We thank our dear members who provide a safety check-up, tires, and an air conditioning check before we go on our trips. We thank those who give a donation for gas or food and everyone for their many ways of supporting us. We were able to give every child there a Bible, crafts, and games along with a Bible Story for their heart and soul. We appreciate the Baldwin County Baptist Association for setting up our locations. We had a great time worshipping at First Baptist Foley on our way home. We always thank God for our Youth and for our church family!

Off We Go to the Biscuits Game!



Wow!!! We thank Don and Emily Roney for taking our Wednesday night kids and youth to see the Montgomery Biscuits play on Saturday, August 12th! This is such a gracious gift to our young people. Don and Emily are coming to our Children and Youth Wednesday night Bible Studies and helping us teach and they decided to give this special time to share with them. We love you, Don and Emily!



Thank You to Our Friends



We always thank God for our forever friends, Dr. Don and Joyce Cheatham and James and Judy Mallonee. They always remember us as they give their tithes and offerings to the Lord. They make a profound difference in the function of our church and its ministries. We look forward to the next time we can see them and they can worship with us at Blue Ridge. We truly love them and lift them up in our prayers. Thank you to Jim Harris and Terry Graydon for building a door in the Toddlers Room, which leads to the Nursery and the Restroom. This helps secure the safety of the children in our Children's Wing. It looks totally professional and was done so quickly. Thank you, Jim and Terry, for replacing the outside storage room double doors. They look great and are secure now. Thank you to Jim Beck for providing kitchen supplies and to all others who continue to experience the joy of giving to BBCC.



August Birthdays



- 4 Chris Mitchell
- 8 Jeffery Mitchell
- 10 Madeline Bennett
Justin Brown
- 11 Janet Johnson
- 24 Gina Mallonee
James Shields
Caterina Elliott



- 6: Nursery & Toddlers: Bennett & Carney; CC: Aldridge
- 13: Nursery & Toddlers: Amy Brown & Carney; CC: Hansen
- 20: Nursery & Toddlers: Kay Bozeman, Janet Johnson, & Carney; CC: Christena & Tyler Aldridge
- 27: Nursery: Bennett; Toddlers: Carney; CC: Hansen



We are receiving donations for Bo and Vickie Williamson. The Williamsons are friends of Marilyn McGrady. They live at 11515 Georgia Road in Eclectic, Alabama 36024. They have 2 children

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Men's Breakfast August 27th 7:30 AM
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Counting and Lock Up David Funchess	1 Kid's Klub 10:00 AM	2 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	3	4	5
6 Watermelon Fellowship Discipleship Following 5:00 PM	7 Youth VBS Lock Out Visitation 7:00 PM	8	9 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	10	11	12 Wednesday Children and Youth Biscuits Trip Leave at 5:30 PM
13 Fellowship Lunch Discipleship 5:00 PM	14	15	16 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	17	18	19
20 Ice Cream Fellowship Discipleship Following 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 Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM Youth Fundraiser Lunch	28 Visitation 7:00 PM	29	30 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	31 Visit us on the web at blueridgebaptistchurch.net		
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