

BLUE RIDGE

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From My Heart

Let me share with you 5 Great Commands for November: Give Thanks, Pack a Shoebox, Invite a Friend, Come and Learn, and Give Generously. If we live within the commands of God we will get to see God's blessings personally and corporately (through our fellowship at Blue Ridge).

In **Colossians 2:6, 7** Paul tells us what everyone who has, "received Christ Jesus as Lord" should be "*overflowing with thankfulness.*" November is a great time to Give Thanks. For me I have to give thanks. In the past month we had two Big community outreach events that saw a great response. We cooked out and watched a movie under the stars and then we had our annual Fall Festival. Both events allowed us to make new friends, both events let our community know we care and have a good time, and both events saw a big turnout. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and clean up; thank you to everyone who brought food and candy and everything that makes these events possible. I appreciate your help and believe that God will bless our efforts.

I am also thankful for the dozen who attended the Judgment House and saw the consequences of our acceptance and rejection of Christ fleshed out dramatically for them. I am thrilled for the 480 candy bags that Don Roney, the Youth, and the Browns prepared for the City Candy Walk. All the bags were given out and each bag contained an invitation to Blue Ridge and an invitation to receive Christ as their Savior and Lord. I am thankful for our congregation that loves the lost and loves having a good time.

It is time to pack your Shoe Box for Operation Christmas Child. The deadline to turn in a shoe box is Sunday, November 11th. Listen to **II Timothy 13:16**, "*And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifice God is pleased.*"

Your Shoebox will not only make a child smile, but it will bring a smile to the heart of God.

Invite a Friend to join us at Blue Ridge this month. This is **Outreach Month** at Blue Ridge. We are going to encourage everyone to write cards, make visits, and give invitations in the Name of Jesus. Jesus said to, "*Go and make Disciples*" **Matthew 28: 19**. I am going to ask you to go and invite a friend to our **Thanksgiving Dinner**. There is something about eating Ham and Turkey with all the trimmings around the table with God's loving people that opens up hearts. We eat on November 11th at 5:00 PM.

Come and Learn each Sunday during Worship in November and December as we discover what we believe. Paul challenged Timothy and each and every one of us to "*correctly handle the word of faith*" **II Timothy 2:15**. It matters what you believe, it gives you proper focus for each day and a foundation for life when things get tough. We are going to lay out what we believe starting Sunday and along the way we will take a few detours to Give Thanks and to Celebrate the Birth of our Savior. Hope to see you each week.

Finally, God calls us all to Give Generously. God loves us all, but He especially loves..... "*a cheerful giver*" **II Corinthians 9: 7**. God has much to do through us at Blue Ridge and it takes resources to accomplish His Mission of reaching our corner of the world. Those resources include giving of our time, energy, and our finances. God will bless you in many ways as you give and your gifts will enable us to make big steps forward for Christ.

November will be a joyous month as we give, pack a box, celebrate, invite our friends, and give thanks! The best part of Blue Ridge is getting to spend time with God's precious folks. It is fun to serve at Blue Ridge and I am thrilled to be your pastor. See you Sunday.

Bro. John





Happening Now in November

- November *This is a month of Outreach for our Church*
- 11th *Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due*
- 11th *Veteran's Day Recognition in Morning Worship*
- 11th *Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner*
- 22 *Thanksgiving Day*



*You and Your Family, Friends, and Neighbors
Are invited to the
Blue Ridge Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
On Sunday, November 11
At 5:00 pm.*

*Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dishes and
desserts to share. The Social Committee and friends
will bring the turkey and ham, tea, and dinner rolls.*



Come to our Veterans' Day Recognition on Sunday, November in Morning Worship. We will have a table set up in the Sanctuary for you to display your family's Veteran memorabilia. All branches will be recognized.



Congratulations to Madeline (Pendley) and Colby Cannon on their marriage on October 16 in Savannah, Georgia. God bless you!



Pick up a shoebox, fill it with things for a child who has no other toys and maybe no home, say prayers for safety and provision from our Lord for the child who will receive your box, and bring it or as many as you can share to church. We will deliver them to a collection site for you. This is such a simple way to share God's love and to take an action that pleases our Lord and Savior. We can be His hands by giving to this ministry of Samaritan's Purse and Franklin Graham. Please bring your boxes by Sunday, November 11. A gift of \$9.00 for shipping and handling is suggested. God bless you for blessing underprivileged families.

November is a Month of Outreach



During this month of thanksgiving and prayer, please be mindful of those around us who need encouragement, God's love and salvation through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, the love and care of our church family, a Bible Study Class, and your word of friendship.

We will have postcards available for you to send to those God puts on your heart. Give them a phone call or visit them at their home or workplace. Pray as you go, write, or call and ask God to give you the right words and actions to take.



**Vote on Tuesday, November 6
Pray Before You Vote!**

Our neighborhood votes at our church. Thank you to those who get our church clean and ready.



FALL FESTIVAL

Our September 30 Movie Night and Fall Festival Were a Blessing!

We feel so blessed by our church's participation and donations for our 2 outdoor events. We reached many new neighbors and children, along with seeing old friends at both events. We had gracious amounts of food to share and many friendly faces to greet everyone. Thank you, Susan Hansen for the mailout. Thank you, Blue Ridge for letting our neighborhood know where we are and who we are.

Blue Ridge Missions



It is time to break out your winter clothing, so remember to bring your extras to Blue Ridge to give to the homeless and those who live in the Friendship Homes and Renaissance Home. Blue Ridgers, you have some of the most generous, charitable hearts around. You may also bring food to share with the Elmore Food Pantry in the boxes in the office hallway.

Congratulations to the Roneys!



Sweet baby James Patrick was born on October 8, 2018. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. He was 19 1/2 inches long. Congratulations to Emily and Don and his proud sisters, Avery, Evelyn, and Caroline. Welcome to our newest church family member.

Youth News and Views in October

Yay! Our Youth helped pack candy bags for the Wetumpka Candy Walk in October and ran the popcorn and snow cone machines for our outdoor events. They helped our diners at their Fundraiser Lunches and we thank you for your donations! They went to the River Region Judgment House and saw a great presentation of our eternal life decisions. Pray for them and the Smoky Mountain Bible Conference!



What a month we have had at our church! We had so much fun at the Outdoor Movie Night and at Fall Festival with popcorn machines, snow cone machines, grilled hotdogs and hamburgers by Mr. Harris and Don Roney and with chips, baked beans, and cookies. We had outdoor games, tug 'o war with boys vs. girls, and playing with friends. Our great adult friends shared their Trunk or Treats with us, and Mr. David gave us hayrides. Mr. DJ Buddy Davis played fantastic music and we bounced and slid in the giant Sports Bouncehouse. Wow! and Thank You!



Welcome to Sunday School
James Patrick Roney Nursery
Trisha Dixon Coed II

Thank You to the Mallonees and Cheathams

Our friends, James and Jody Mallonee and their daughter Gina have moved back to Virginia. PTL! We thank them for sending their generous tithes and offerings to our church. Our friends, Dr. Don and Joyce Cheatham have sent their very generous tithes and offerings to Blue Ridge as well. We thank you for always remembering us! God bless you.

Thank You from Bro. John, Our Pastor

October was Pastor Appreciation Month in the Southern Baptist Convention and I thank you for expressing your appreciation for Jackie and me through wonderful words spoken and beautiful cards, through your gifts, and through your Christian friendship. It is a heartfelt joy to serve among you and with you and I always thank God for you. We appreciate you. Love in Christ, Bro. John



November Birthdays

God Bless You and Keep You!

1	Deetsie Rogers
5	Emily Roney
6	Donna Parker
10	Madeline Pendley Cannon
12	Kate Ratliff
16	Jackie Carney
23	Tim Pemberton
	Jerome Cannon



November Children's Ministry



4 : Nursery &: Toddlers: Bennett & Carney; CC: Wendy Aldridge and Renee' Miller
11: Nursery & Toddlers: Shirley Davis and Susan Bass; Children's Choir with Susan Hansen, Renee' Miller
18: Nursery & Toddlers: Barbara Harris CC: Christena Aldridge and Renee' Miller
25: Nursery and Preschool: Lorrie Sereneck; Children's Choir: Susan Hansen and Renee' Miller

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Thanksgiving Dinner November 11th

OCC Shoe Boxes Due November 11th

Remember to move your Clocks Back One Hour Before Sunday.

NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Counting and Lock Up David Funchess			1	2	3 Turn your Clock back one hour tonight.
4 Outreach Month Angel Bible Study 5:00 PM	5 Visitation 7:00 PM	6 Write a Postcard to a Prospect this week.	7 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	8	9 Turn in your OCC Shoe Boxes Sunday 11-Nov	10 Invite a Friend to Thanksgiving Dinner this Sunday!
11 Thanksgiving Dinner 5:00 PM Turn in OCC Boxes Today!	12 Visitation 7:00 PM	13 Write a Postcard of Encouragement this week.	14 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	15	16	17
18 Angel Bible Study 5:00 PM	19 Visitation 7:00 PM	20 Write a Postcard of Thanksgiving this week.	21 No Wednesday Activities	22 Happy Thanksgiving	23	24 Invite a Friend to Sunday School this Sunday 9:45 AM
25 Angel Bible Study 5:00 PM	26 Visitation 7:00 PM	27 Write a Postcard Inviting a friend to Worship.	28 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	29 Visit us on the web at blueridgebaptistchurch.net	30	Christmas Celebration Coming December 16th
		October 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		December 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! OCC Deadline November 11th Christmas Dinner December 9th