

BLUE RIDGE

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From My Heart

Happy Thanksgiving! November is a time to, *"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good."* Psalm 107:1. It is not always easy to give thanks, but if you focus you can always find a lot to be joyful about.

My Mom passed away last Monday. She was weak, hurting, and I think she was ready to go home to her Savior and to my Dad in Heaven. It is sad to have her gone, but there is so much to be thankful for. She was a great Mom who made home a place you always wanted to come back to. We treasured all the time we got to spend with her.

Mom was a lot of things. She was a great cook. I can still taste the chocolate layer cake she would make for us on our birthdays. She was a wonderful wife who was the apple of my Dad's eye. She also had a strong faith and left an excellent example to follow. Long before Hilary ran for president, my Mom was president.... President of the Women's Mission Union that is. Mom had a heart for service; she taught Internationals English and helped them prepare for their citizenship test. She loved her Savior and served Him through the church.

After all the kids left home Mom and Dad joined the *Young at Heart Choir*. They sang everywhere, toured California and Florida and even cut a CD. We played a song from that CD called, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand". Not many people get to sing at their own funeral, but Mom did. Psalm 28:7 says, *"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song."* My Mom found God faithful in this life and in the life to come. Right now she has joined the *Forever Young Choir* in Heaven and in that I give thanks.

I also give thanks for the privilege of

being a part of Blue Ridge Baptist Church. I feel like Paul as he wrote to his friends in Thessalonica, *"How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?"* I Thessalonians 3:9. I am so thankful for your expressions of kindness in the loss of my Mother and for your encouragement and generosity during Pastor Appreciation last Sunday. I am also grateful to get to work beside you Sunday after Sunday. We had a lot of fun this past month, we got to feed a hundred football players, play outside at Fall Festival, and saw another young adult join our fellowship. God is good and it is a joy to serve with you.

Why do we give thanks? Paul tells us in I Corinthians 15:57, *"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* We give thanks not only for what God has done, but for what He will do in us and through us. I learned a lesson from my Mom and Dad, Jesus was faithful and He expects us to be faithful to Him and when we are faithful things often work out better than we could have ever imagined. Jesus is described this way in Ephesians 3:20, "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine" I have asked Jesus for a lot for Blue Ridge and every Sunday I show up knowing that one day soon He will do more than I can ever ask or imagine. That is why I seek to be faithful and why I give thanks. I hope you will join us this Sunday because it just might be the day we see the glory of God shine through us.

In His Love,

Bro. John

November means the best meal in town on Sunday the 12th, sending off gifts to children around the world through Operation Christmas Child on the 19th, and walking through Revelations on Sunday nights. Each Sunday will be blessing!





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"Give Thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever"

I Chronicles 16:34

We are so blessed at Blue Ridge to have each other as our loving church family. We thank God for each one and we will gather together for Thanksgiving Dinner On Sunday, November 12 to fellowship and enjoy a delicious dinner. Dinner begins at 5:00 pm and you may ask your family and friends to join us. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dishes and desserts to share. We thank our Social Committee for providing and organizing our dinner.



Welcome

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

BY LETTER:

CHRISTENA ALDRIDGE

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WELCOME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

DUDLEY AND ANNA JEAN PERRY	COED II
KELLY TYLER	COED I
BRYAN AND LIZ BRASINGTON	COED I
TYLER AND CHRISTENA ALDRIDGE	COED I
DANIEL AND KRISTIE WOODLIEFF	COED I
PATRICK BARFOOT	MIDDLE SCHOOL



SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES NEED TO BE TURNED BY NOVEMBER 19 AT OUR CHURCH. REMEMBER THIS YEAR WE MAY NOT SEND TOOTHPASTE, CANDY, WAR TOYS, USED TOYS, AND LIQUIDS. INCLUDE A WOW TOY AND PRAY FOR THE CHILD THAT RECEIVES YOUR GIFTS.

A Grateful Heart ♥

Jackie and I were overwhelmed by your kindness during the loss of my Mom. We rejoice that she is in Heaven, but will miss her dearly. Your flowers, cards, prayers, and kind words meant so much to us.

Thank you, Coed II for the beautiful flower arrangement you sent to the funeral home. It was very beautiful. We could feel your presence there with us and it was nice to share about our very special family at our church.

It is hard to find words to express how much we appreciate the generous outpouring of prayers, love, gifts, and cards you gave us during Pastor Appreciation Month. We feel so blessed to have such caring friends and family. We are blessed to labor among and with you daily and we love and cherish you.

*In Christ's Love,
Bro. John and Jackie*



Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Bro. John, Jackie and family in the passing of his Mother, Marjorie Carney.



Missions Box in Office Hallway

We have collection boxes in the back hallway to place your items in for the homeless. We are also collecting Peanut Butter, Oatmeal, and Dried peas and beans for the Elmore County Food Pantry. Receive a blessing by helping others.



CONGRATULATIONS



Our newest Sunday School members, Elizabeth Cox and Bryan Brasington were united in marriage. Congratulations and God bless you!

Thank You Church Family

Thank you for all your prayer, calls, and visits during our son, Jimmie's recent hospitalization. He had a large blockage in the so-called "widow-maker" artery, the left anterior descending and a lesser one on the right side. Luckily, he did not suffer a heart attack, no evidence of any damage. Three stints were inserted on Tuesday, September 26 and he is doing just fine, currently at home and resting.

God is good, and our prayers were answered. Again, thank you for being there at our time of need.

Thanks,
Jim and Barb

We Welcomed the Wetumpka Indians to BRBC!

Our church gave a great breakfast for the Wetumpka football team, the coaches, and cheerleaders on Friday, October 6. Thank you to Terry Graydon, Bro. John, Clarence Mann, David Funchess, Owen and Lorrie Sereneck, Thomas Miller, Bruce Parsons, Jim and Barbara Harris, Shirley Davis, Susan Bass, Amy and Justin Brown, Marilyn McGrady, JoAnnn Woodfin, Benjamin Lowry, Amy Brown, Justin Brown, and Jackie and all of those who served.

REMEMBER OUR CAPTAIN DON RONEY AS HE SERVES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND HIS FAMILY AS THEY ARE OUT OF STATE VISITING FAMILY WHILE HE IS AWAY.



November Birthdays



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

FALL FESTIVAL WAS A GREAT TIME FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

So many of you parked your vehicles out front for Trunk or Treat and brought candy and prizes for the children. Many brought chili, hotdogs & buns, cookies, and drinks for everyone. We discovered at least 3 prospect families, even though our crowd was smaller due to other big events in our area. Thank you, David, for the fun hayrides, to Linda and Terry Graydon for working so very hard setting everything up and taking it down, to Buddy for being our DJ, for every open trunk and heart, to Gracie and Madlee for painting faces, for Shirley and her fresh bean bags, to Jim for making the Cornhole game and taking pictures for the website, to those who have given financial donations, to those who prayed for us, to Reborn Harmony for singing that morning, and to all who make up the spirit of Fall Festival.. The kids never stopped running and having a good time from trunks to the Bouncy. Thank you, church family, for caring about them and sharing our Lord's love.



GOD BLESS YOU, CHEATHAMS AND MALLONEES

Once again, we thank our precious friends, James and Jody Mallonee and Dr. Don and Joyce Cheatham as they always remember their home church with their tithes and offerings. We hold them dearly in our hearts and miss them every day.

A Note from the Mallonees

Dear John and Jackie,

Well, I am sitting here staring at the computer screen thinking about Russia-my job, career, passion I suppose. But I broke out the latest newsletter and thought I would pen something down.

Jody and I still feel connected to Blue Ridge in more ways than we can count. Our kids grew up in the church there. We rededicated our lives to Christ there. We found both a church and a family there.

I know that God has dragged us all over. We have been from Alabama to Washington-from Bosnia to Japan, and we are now in England, but our hearts still consider Blue Ridge our home. We just want you to know that we are praying for you and thinking about you and the folks we think of as part of our family.

In Christ,
James Mallonee



- 5: Nursery & Toddlers: Bennett & Carney; CC: Aldridge
- 12: Nursery & Toddlers: Amy Brown & Carney; CC: Hansen
- 19: Nursery & Toddlers: Janet Johnson & Carney CC: Christena Aldridge
- 26: Nursery: Bennett; Toddlers: Carney; CC: Hanson

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Roll Back Your Clocks One Hour this Saturday, November 5th
Thanksgiving Dinner November 12th
OCC Shoebox Deadline November 19th
Youth Fundraiser Lunch November 19th

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Counting and Lock Up David Funchess		1	2	3	4 Move your clocks back one hour.
5 Standard Time Begins Discipleship 5:00 PM	6 Visitation 7:00 PM	7	8 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	9	10	11
12 Thanksgiving Dinner 5:00 PM Join Us!	13 Visitation 7:00 PM	14	15 Prayer & Share 5:00 PM Youth and Mission Groups 7:00 PM	16	17	18 Pack your OCC Shoebox and bring it to church this Sunday.
19 OCC Deadline Youth Fundraiser Lunch Discipleship 5:00 PM	20 Visitation 7:00 PM	21	22 No Wednesday Activities	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
27	28 Visitation 7:00 PM	29	30	Visit us on the web at bluendgebaptistchurch.net		
		October 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	December 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	Notes: Coming Up! Thanksgiving Dinner 12-Nov Christmas Dinner 10-Dec		