A dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with a bright glow of light breaking through near the horizon. A large bird, possibly an eagle, is captured in mid-flight, its wings spread wide, silhouetted against the lighter sky. Below the bird, a body of water reflects the light from the horizon, creating a shimmering path. In the foreground, dark, silhouetted hills or mountains are visible. The overall mood is one of awe and divine presence.

**IF I RISE ON THE  
WINGS OF THE DAWN,  
IF I SETTLE ON THE  
FAR SIDE OF THE SEA,**

**EVEN THERE YOUR  
HAND WILL GUIDE ME,  
YOUR RIGHT HAND  
WILL HOLD ME FAST.**

PSALM 139:9-10 (NIV)

**Welcome to Blue Ridge Baptist Church**

**+** **Sunday, April 15, 2018** **+**

Rev. John Carney  
Susan Hansen  
David Brown / Dan Bass

Pastor  
Sunday School Director  
Sound Engineers

Thank you to Linda Graydon for leading us in Worship today.

Prelude Linda Graydon

Welcome and Family News and Morning Prayer Rev. John Carney

Call to Worship 10 "How Great Thou Art"

Hymn 329 "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

Fellowship Song Hymn 4 "To God Be the Glory"

Offertory Hymn 606 "I Gave My Life for Thee"

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Special Music

Children's Sermon and Children's Church

Morning Message Rev. John Carney

Hymn of Invitation 282 "Living for Jesus"

*"That you may live a life worthy of the Lord" Colossians 1:10*

This is a time of reflection, a time to pray for someone, or to make a decision to join our church family. You may join Blue Ridge by Statement, by Baptism, or by Letter.

Closing Hymn 243 "Sweet. Sweet Spirit"

**WELCOME**

Welcome to Our Visitors

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**"Come and Worship in God's Peace and Beauty of Blue Ridge"**

**We welcome our visitors today! Thank you for joining us. Please fill out the attached visitor's form and place it in the offering plate.**



### Youth Fundraiser

Everyone is invited to our Youth Fundraiser Meal next Sunday after Morning Worship! We thank our Lord for all who support our Summer Youth Trip through this effort by our Youth Family. We truly give Him our thanks for you!



As we count our blessings from our Lord, we thank every one of those who help at church. Thank you to Marilyn McGrady and her granddaughter for giving clothes for the homeless shelter, to Terry Graydon and Jim Harris for searching for a solution for the Pastorium storage building, to Don and Emily Roney for taking the church young people and Bro. John to see the Biscuits play and see the F-16 flyover, to Shelly and Vincent for the DVD player for the Sanctuary TV given by Janet Johnson, to Susan Hansen for giving a Christmas tree, garland, and decorations for our church, we thank Susan Hansen for allowing us to use her office copier for our printing needs, to Barbara and Jim Harris for creating our April centerpieces and for the pretty tablecloths, and to all our BRBC family



Join us on Sunday mornings for Sunday School at 9:45 for coffee and 10:00 am for Bible Study. You will find a learning place, friends, fun, prayer for your concerns, and fellowship. Experience new joy in your life.



### *53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary for Blue Ridge Baptist Church*

Our 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated on May 6 with a special service and Anniversary Sunday dinner after that. You will see old photos and documents, as well as newer ones. Invite all who want to come celebrate with us.

**✝ COMING THIS WEEK AT BLUE RIDGE ✝**

**Today, April 15, 2018**

9:45 am Bible Study  
11:00 am Morning Worship  
5:00 pm Bible Study

**Monday, April 16**

7:00 pm Visit with Bro. John and Jim Beck. Let him know of someone who needs a visit.

**Wednesday, April 18**

5:00 pm Prayer & Share  
7:00 pm Youth and Children's Mission Groups

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

**"Jesus Among Secular Gods"**

Join Bro. John and your friends at Bible Study at 5:00 p.m. tonight. Meet us in the Fellowship Hall around the tables. This is a powerful video series and study of the beliefs and unbeliefs of others around us.



**Youth News and Views**



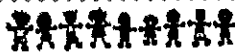
Bring your friends, cousins, brothers, and sisters to a new Wednesday night class for our 7-12<sup>th</sup> Graders. It is "Every Young Woman's Battle" led by Emily Roney and "Every Young Man's Battle" led by Don Roney.



**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. *The Friendship Mission for homeless men, women and children can use good used or new clothing for the residents.*



**April Children's Ministry**



15: Nursery & Toddlers: Janet Johnson & Carney CC: Christena Aldridge



Check out our website, [www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net](http://www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net).  
provided by Jim Harris, our wonderful Web Master.

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