



Immanuel

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

ISAIAH 7:14 (KJV)



**Welcome to Blue Ridge Baptist Church**  
 **Sunday, December 24, 2017**   
**Merry Christmas... Celebrate the Birth of Jesus!**



**Pastor**  
**Sunday School Director**  
**Sound Engineer**  
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**Rev. John Carney**  
**Susan Hansen**  
**David Brown**  
**Dan Bass**

**Thank you to Susan Hansen and Linda Graydon for leading us in worship today!**

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Linda Graydon</b>
<b>Welcome and Family News</b>	<b>Rev. John Carney</b>
<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Rev. John Carney</b>
<b>Call to Worship 98</b>	<b>“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”</b>
<b>Hymn 86</b>	<b>“O Little Town of Bethlehem”</b>
<b>Fellowship Song 96</b>	<b>“Good Christian Men Rejoice”</b>
<b>Offertory Hymn 273</b>	<b>“Freely, Freely”</b>
<b>Worship in Tithes and Offerings</b>	
<b>Special Music</b>	<b>Clarence Mann</b>
<b>Hymn of Invitation 569</b>	<b>“Make Me a Blessing”</b>
<b>Closing Hymn 95</b>	<b>“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”</b>

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 **Welcome To Our Visitors** 

Thank you for visiting Blue Ridge today. Please fill out the form on the inside fold and place it in the offering plate. We hope you feel warmly welcomed and will return to worship with us again.

**The Roney's Christmas Card Address**  
**Captain and Mrs. Don Roney, Avery, Evelyn, and Caroline**  
**938 Clint Smith Drive**  
**Duncanville, Texas 7513**

We look forward to seeing the family return in the next week. They appreciate your prayers lifted up for them as Don was deployed and as Emily and the girls traveled around the country visiting family. Congratulations on his unit, the 187<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, on getting the F-35 in Montgomery.



**Sanctuary Poinsettias  
In Memory of**



Rubye Holley, Buddy's Mother by Buddy and Shirley Davis  
Ruby Burnette, Shirley's Mother by Buddy and Shirley Davis  
John Bryan Carney and Marjorie Carney, Bro. John's Mother, by Bro. John and Jackie Carney  
Allen and Rosa Woodfin, her parents by JoAnn Woodfin  
Cheryl Harris, their daughter, by Jim and Barbara Harris  
Charles and Vivian Wilson and Tolbert and Alice Harris, their parents, by Jim and Barbara Harris  
Louis Rogers, Dad, Granddad, and Great-Grandfather and Joe and Kate Hansen, Brian Hansen's parents by Susan Hansen  
Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Horn and Mr. and Mrs. Eric E. Aldridge by Rocky and Wendy Aldridge  
Howard and Ina Bayerle, Linda's parents, by Linda and Bill Hines

**In Honor of**

Bitsy, Jackie Carney's Mother by Bro. John and Jackie Carney



**The Presentation of "Christmas Countdown"**

Last week by the Blue Ridge Players and the Youth and Children's Choir was great! We thank every one of our actors, narrator, Jim Harris, Soloist, Susan Bass with Dan Bass and Buddy Davis, our Reborn Harmony, Children's Choir Directors, Renee' Miller and Susan Hansen, Rev. John Carney, Writer and Director, Costumes and Set, Jackie Carney, and Linda Jones, and special helpers, Madlee Cannon, Benjamin Lowry, and Jonathan Lowry.



Thank you, church family, for your wonderful generosity in sharing Christmas gifts with an underprivileged family with 5 children. They will wake to a gracious amount of clothes, toys, and food on Christmas morning as we celebrate Jesus' birth. He commanded us to love one another as He has loved us and that is what we carried through this past month. Everyone had their gifts in by Wednesday and the Mother came to pick them up a day early. We have such a loving, kind family at Blue Ridge. We thank God for bringing us all together.



**You must get all financial gifts in to the church by December 31 to have your charitable deductions on your records for your 2017 tax forms. You may mail your gifts in or turn them in at church.**



**Blue Ridge Happenings This Week**

**Today**

9:45 am Bible Study for all ages

11:00 am Morning Worship

Happy Christmas Eve...no services

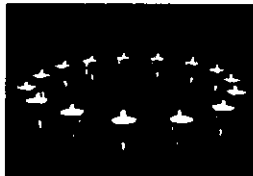
Remember to read the Christmas story tonight....the Reason for the Season!

**Monday, December 25**

Merry Christmas

**Wednesday, December 27**

No Activities



**On Sunday, January 7, 2018 we will have our Annual Candle Lighting for our church families. As each family or family member comes to light a candle, we will all pray silently for God's blessings on them in the New Year.**



Watch for your 2017 Contributions Records coming in the month of January.



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