

BLUE RIDGE

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Join us in person at Blue Ridge or
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From My Heart

Easter is the best time of year! The weather is warming up, everything is sprouting and turning glorious colors, everybody is giving out candy (Last Sunday we discovered that every year in America we eat over 91 million chocolate Easter bunnies!), you get new clothes (I always got a new shirt or a new tie as a kid.), and almost everybody comes to church, and you often get to eat one of those fancy hams. It is a goooooooood day!

Easter is much more than that. **Easter is a day of victory.** Everybody has their favorite come from behind story. The Boston Red Sox, down 3 games to 0 to the Yankees and then winning 4 straight and then finally winning the World Series. Doug Flutie's Hail Mary pass that brought victory to Boston College over defending National Champion Miami. I think one reason my Dad loved John Wayne movies was because at the end of the movie, no matter the odds, when John Wayne showed up, they were going to win the day. **Easter is a story of victory, but it is not a come from behind story.** God never was behind nor has He ever been behind. God had a plan to save us, and it was just a matter of time for His plan to play out and for victory to be His and ours.

When we think of Easter we never need to underestimate what it cost God and what it has won for us. Romans 4:25 tells us, **"He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification."** Two things happened because of the cross and the empty tomb. First, Romans 8:1 says there is no condemnation for those in Christ. The cross brought us freedom from our sins, freedom from our guilt, and freedom from the punishment that was headed our way. Second, Jesus' resurrection brought us victory over our sins, over ourselves, and over the future. Romans 8:37 says we are

"more than conquerors".

In Romans 6:4 Paul says, **"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."** That verse is the basis for a little phrase I say every time I baptize someone. "We are buried in His likeness and raised to walk in newness of life." What does that mean? It means that because of Easter everyone can have a new, better, and eternal life!

At the end of Paul's letter to the Corinthians he says that if Christ had not been raised from the dead we would be bad off, in fact without hope, but he does not end there. He goes on to say, **"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!"** (1 Corinthians 15:20). What does "indeed mean"? In the wild west where I came from, it means, "You're darn tooting!" On the football field it the feeling that those 300-pound linemen feel when they win the championship, dump Gatorade on the coach and throw him on their shoulders.

Easter means a victory won by God and gifted to us through His Son Jesus Christ. Hope to see you Sunday to celebrate our victory!

On Resurrection Sunday we will have our Outdoor Service at 9:00 AM in the front yard, Doughnuts in the Fellowship Hall, and a Celebration Service in the Sanctuary at 11:00 AM. Both services will feature Reborn Harmony (Dan and Susan, and Buddy) and Linda Graydon. It will be safe and joyous!

Our Life South Blood Drive has been moved to May 23rd.

Thanks to everyone who has participated in our online Bible Study, **My New Life.** Over six weeks we had between 20 and 40 participating each week.

Look for our Sunday services and The Bentley Chronicles on Wednesdays on our Blue Ridge Baptist Church YouTube Channel and our website.

Hope to see you Sunday at Blue Ridge or online! We love you!

Bro. John

*Christ
Risen!*

***Come Celebrate the Empty Tomb and the Risen Savior!
He Arose! Hallelujah! Christ Arose!***

Easter Morning at 9:00 am

*Come to our beautiful church on Jasmine Hill Road, Blue Ridge Baptist to worship out on the front lawn in the beautiful morning sun. Bro. John will bring a special message, **Reborn Harmony** will perform Easter songs and Linda Graydon- our pianist will accompany the hymns we sing. We will observe the Lord's Supper.*

We will go to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy Breakfast with Coffee and Juice at 9:30.

We have Bible Study classes for all ages at 10:00.

*Join us for our Easter Morning Celebration Service at 11:00 am. with Bro. John, **Reborn***

Harmony with Susan and Dan Bass and Buddy Davis, Linda Graydon, and our sweet, friendly Congregation.

"The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, he has risen, just as he said." Matthew 28: 5,6

Palm Sunday Was a Blessing



We began our service with the church children coming up the center aisle waving their palm branches and singing, "Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna". Their love for Jesus shined. We had a great worship time and Children's and Youth's Bible Studies. Then we had a hotdog lunch and hid eggs for the Great Easter Egg Hunt in the Fellowship Hall. The rain did not dampen our spirits. Bro. John took the children to the Sanctuary where he told the Easter story with the Resurrection Eggs. We thank our Youth, Justin Brown, Ben Lowry, and Jonathon Lowry, guided by Don Roney who hid the eggs for the children. Fun!

Join Us Online Every Week At
www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net

Bro. John's Sunday morning message and our special music by Reborn Harmony and Linda Graydon are accessible on our website and on our Blue Ridge Baptist You Tube channel.

Our weekly devotionals, "The Bentley Chronicles" are available every Wednesday. Our online Bible Study, "My New Life" is found there as well. A new study will begin soon.



Come Join Us for These Bible Study Times at Blue Ridge!

- +The Coed II Sunday School Class is meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings.
- +Emily Riddle/Don Roney will teach the Youth Bible Study the last half of Morning Worship. Children's Church is at this time.
- +Wednesday at 5 pm we have a Bible Study and Prayer and Share Time with Bro. John.
- +Sundays at 5 pm is an informal time of Bible Study. Come Join Us for Beginning or Growing Knowledge and Fellowship with Friends!



Easter Lilies for our Sanctuary

In Memory of

Cheryl Lynn, their daughter, by Jim and Barbara Harris
 Peggy Beck, his wife, by Jim Beck
 Ben and Jon Jon Lowry's Mother, Robin Lowry, and Grandmother, Carolyn Thomas, by Ryan Manni
 Ben and Jon Jon's Grandfather, by Ryan Manni
 Kelly's Mother by Kelly and Ryan Manni
 Ruby Burnette, Shirley's Mom, by Buddy and Shirley Davis
 Rubye Holley, Buddy's Mom, by Buddy and Shirley Davis
 Mrs. Judy Ruth Brown by Katelyn Brown
 Louis and Deetsie Rogers, her parents, by Susan and Brian Hansen
 Joe and Kathleen Hansen, Brian's parents, by Susan and Brian Hansen
 Aubrey and Bonnie Horn, her parents, by Rocky and Wendy Aldridge
 Eric and Annie Aldridge, his parents, by Rocky and Wendy Aldridge
 Rodney Aldridge, Rocky's brother, by Rocky and Wendy Aldridge
 Billy Chambliss by his wife, Brenda Chambliss

In Honor of

Their newest Easter Lily, "Tori", by Katelyn Brown
 Terry and Linda Graydon, her parents, and their grandparents, by Ryan, Amy, Gray, and Sydney Casey
 Bro. John and Jackie, by Ryan, Amy, Gray, and Sydney Casey

In Memory and In Honor

Our parents and Jackie's Mother, Bitsy



Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Ben and Jonathan Lowery in the passing of their Grandmother, Carolyn Thomas in Georgia. Carolyn and her husband, Lawrence were friends of our church and she had volunteered to serve in our next VBS when they were here last August. Her granddaughter Kristina Mallett brought them over to visit our church with her grandchildren, Timothy and Brandon Mallett and their families.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Shelby and Jared Warren on the birth of a baby girl, Audrey Victoria Sunday, March 7. The proud big brother is Tony!

Parent/Baby Dedication on Easter Sunday



Wyatt Alan Lott
 Son of Morgan and Spencer Lott
 Grandson of Bro. John and Jackie Carney
 Will be dedicated on Easter Sunday.

April Birthdays



- 1 Brandy Hill
- 2 Jay Goff
- 8 Jason Mitchell
- 11 Doris Brown
- 14 Benjamin Lowry
- 16 Timothy Mallette
- 23 Amy Brown
- 25 Lisa Pendley
- 30 Trey Bethea

Children's Ministry



- 4: Children's Church: Lorrie Sereneck and Tammi Stevenson
- 11: Children's Church: Susan Bass and Shirley Davis
- 18: Children's Church: Jackie Carney and Emily Roney
- 25: Children's Church: Lorrie Sereneck and Jackie Carney



Welcome to Sunday School

Lorrie Sereneck	Children's Teacher
Emily Roney	Preschool Teacher
Tammi Stevenson	Teacher
Tony Warren	Nursery
Tori Warren	Nursery
Courtney Brown	Children's Class
Michaela Brown	Children's Class
Katelyn Brown	Youth
Patrick Barfoot	Youth



Thank You

Our church family wishes our church friends a Happy Easter Celebration and our prayer are with you. We thank you for your ongoing support for Blue Ridge Baptist Church through sharing your tithes and offerings each month and allowing our ministries to continue going forward. We thank God for you and your love for Him and for our church, Dr. Don and Joyce Cheatham, James and Jody Mallonee, Drs. Cory and Marcia Stanley, and Mrs. Brenda Chambliss.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Counting and Lock up Terry Graydon			1	2 Good Friday	3 <i>Invite Someone you love to our Easter Service 9:00 & 11:00</i>
4 <i>Easter Outdoor Service 9:00 AM Celebration Service 11:00 AM</i>	5	6	7 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	8	9	10
11 <i>At Home Bennett Brunch Show Tea 2:00-4:00 PM</i>	12	13	14 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	15 Remember you can give online at blueridgebaptistchurch.net	16	17
18 Gideon Testimony Biblical Justice 5:00 PM	19	20	21 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	22	23	24
25 Biblical Justice 5:00 PM	26	27	28 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	29 Visit us on the web at blueridgebaptistchurch.net	30	
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