

# BLUE RIDGE

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## From My Heart

**W**elcome to August! It has been a great summer so far. We had an awesome Vacation Bible School, we had a cookout, celebrated Independence Day, observed baptism, and the Youth got to fellowship and to attend a big time Rally. More is to come, and I pray that you will choose to be a part of it all.

Before we jump into August, I want to share a few thoughts about trivia. For some strange reason I really love trivia. There is a radio show that has a segment every morning that begins with a phrase, "Did you know?". That is what trivia is all about, little pieces of information that most folks don't know. Things like that big mountain named Everest. It's height was discovered by a fellow named George Everest. That of course is how the mountain got it's name, but we all pronounce it wrong. George pronounced his name Eve-Rest instead of how we do Ever-Rest.

How will that piece of information help me? The truth is it won't help much, and neither will all those baseball statistics from the 70's and 80's that I keep locked in my head. Does anyone else know that Ron Cey made \$800,000 in 1981?

While those facts only help if you are playing Trivial Pursuits, I have learned a few things that are really helpful. For instance, there is a thing called the butterfly valve on your car. It is located under the air filter and if your car is having trouble starting, you can manually hold it open and the car will start right up. In college I tried that trick dozens of times and it worked most of the time. I know nothing about cars, but when my friend's cars broke down they would come to me. I also learned that you can fix just about anything with Duck or Duct Tape. I once saved a ski trip to Colorado with Duck Tape and a CB radio antenna. If you want to hear a long story, just ask me some time.

I have also learned some great things at church that have blessed my life every day. My 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Teacher bribed us to learn the books of the Bible. We all did, and it enabled us to easily guide our way through the Bible. Being comfortable with the Bible was a blessing and lead me to begin to learn truths that bless and correct me every day. Here are a few facts that I found that changed my life:

"Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom." (Prov. 9:10)

"Wisdom is more precious than rubies;....She offers you long life in her right hand, and honor in her left." (Prov. 3:15,16)

"No one who trusts in you will ever be disgraced." (Prov. 25:3)

As I dug into God's Word and as I attended worship and Bible study I learned to fear God and to trust Him because he never disappoints. I also learned simple tools that taught me how to pray. Check out Matthew chapter 6 and the acrostic ACTS. I also learned the Roman Road (Romans 3:23, 5:8, 6:23, 10:9,10, 10:13) a simple guide to lead folks to Christ. By digging into God's Word I found tools for making decisions and guides for my everyday life.

When I was a Boy Scout one of the first things we learned was how to make a fire. Why a fire? Because you can't survive in the wild without a fire. Once you can confidently do that then everything else falls into place.

If you are a Christian you need to learn how to survive in the wild and to do that you don't need a fire, but you do need the Bible. You need to be comfortable with it, you need to be in it, and you need to be guided by it's truths. That is where worship and Bible study come into play. You need to learn how to handle God's Word so you can dig into on your own and share it with your family and friends.

*Hope to see you Sunday at Blue Ridge or online as we dig into the book of Daniel in worship and James on Sunday nights at 5:00 PM. We love you!*

*Bro. John*

**Camp Meeting Days Continue in August, Bring a Friend.**



# August



**AMAZING DAYS AT BLUE RIDGE**

**August 1**

**National Friend Day- invite yours**

**August 8**

**Back to School Fun Day**

**August 15**

**Church-wide Bake-Off Lunch**

**August 29**

**Pre-Labor Day Cook-Out**

**We are so very blessed to have an amazing fellowship of believers and doers at Blue Ridge. Every Sunday and Wednesday brings us together for prayer, friendship, love, caring, sharing, waving, hearing God's Word, and singing!**

**National Friendship Day is August 1**



Friends are a significant part of our lives, our biggest support system, the ones we cherish and can count on to give us unconditional love just as Jesus does. They are a gift from God. Invite them to church and worship together this month.



**Back to School is Happening this Year  
On August 6 and August 9!**

We at church will be praying for our students as you begin this next great phase of your life. Take your faith and Christian beliefs with you on this journey. We want to celebrate with you by having some Back to School fun and fellowship. After church we will go out for lunch and then bowl some strikes and spares! We will also pray for your fellow students, teachers, and school workers. Our Home Schoolers never stop learning and we always pray for them and their parents as they excel in their subjects!



**Join Our Annual August Bake-off on  
August 15!**

We will all be tasters right after Morning Worship when we enjoy the cooking and baking you bring to share. Please prepare and enjoy from the following categories:

- Meat and Main Dishes**
- Vegetables and Vegetable Casseroles**
- Desserts**
- Breads**
- Salads**

Of course, you may purchase anything you want to bring to enhance our Sunday lunch.

**Announcing a New Sunday Night Bible Study  
"The Book of Jesus: Faith/ Works"**

Our faith keeps us humble rather than proud.  
Our faith directs our tongues to bless rather than curse.

Our faith causes us to show mercy rather than judgment

James guides us to approach trials and temptations with the understanding that enduring adversity ultimately brings JOY! This is the framework for your house! James the Just, the brother of Jesus is thought to be the book's author. Everyone is invited to come and learn along with us!

## HAPPY Labor Day

We will have some BBQ, Grilled Hotdogs, and whatever you would like to add for a delicious lunch after Morning Worship on August 29, Pre-Labor Day. Labor Day is an annual event dedicated to and celebrating the labor and achievements of our workers. We at Blue Ridge have seen volunteer laborers work with and beyond those laborers we paid to restore and improve our church house and grounds. So much hard work has been done to make our church more beautiful and better functioning than ever before, along with gifts of paint and accessories, wood, nails and screws, bathroom fixtures, grass sprinklers, lawn, and landscape supplies, and so much more! Our founding fathers would be in awe of all that has been accomplished since that tree flew through the roofs of our church. That incident was a blessing without question. It also provided the way for our skilled members to give their talents to the Lord's House on Jasmine Hill Road. Let's celebrate all the laborers who gave so many hours, days, and months to honor God and our worshippers who come. Let's celebrate!

### *With Our Love and Appreciation*

We thank our close friends who always remember their friends and family at Blue Ridge with their monthly generous tithes and offerings they send to us and allow our ministries to continue. Thank you to Dr. Don Cheatham, James and Jody Mallonee, Drs. Cody and Marcia Stanley, and Mrs. Brenda Chambliss. You make a true difference in our lives. God bless you!

### Kids' Korner

Once again our Roney girls have said and sung the Books of the Bible- this time the New Testament books and received personalized trophies for their accomplishments.

Congratulations to Avery, Evelyn, and Caroline and their Mom, Emily for completing this knowledge. We, at Blue Ridge, give anyone of any age trophies for saying either The Old Testament or The New Testament. Just let Bro. John or Jackie know when you are ready.

+If YOU would like to substitute or serve on a regular basis in Children's Church, let Jackie know. You will receive a blessing and great joy in sharing these 20-30 minutes with these precious little ones.



We are thankful For a Great Summer!

Here is a Recap of Events So Far.

We kicked off June with Vacation Bible School and so many of our adults volunteering to serve. Family Night was fun for kids and adults alike. A

VBS Musical, Open House with the teachers, delicious finger foods, and a well-stocked VBS Store topped it all off. We had a wonderful Patriotic Service featuring the talents of Dan and Susan Bass and Buddy Davis, along with a patriotic message from Bro. John. We had a Patriotic Lunch and Ice Cream fellowship. We followed up on all who came to VBS.

Adult VBS has been fun just like the kids have with Bible quizzes and Truth or Lie games to a Jeopardy song with the Adults receiving prizes for answers- such as bracelets, pencils, chocolate "Artifact" gold coins, American flags, and more. Happy times! We saw Patrick Barfoot baptized here and Jonathan Lowry rededicate his life at a Youth Conference we attended at Trussville. The Youth took a Bowling trip, and we are not done with Summer yet! Be Here!



### BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

6	Jim Beck
10	Madeline Bennett Davis Justin Brown
11	Janet Johnson
24	Gina Mallonee
25	Catarina Elliott



### Children's Ministry in August

- 1: Preschool: Carney; Children's Church: Tammi Stevenson
- 8: Preschool: Shirley Davis and Susan Bass; Children's Church: Carney
- 16: Preschool: Volunteer; Children's Church: Volunteer
- 22: Preschool: Lorrie Sereneck; Children's Church: Carney
- 29: Volunteers Needed

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# AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 National Friend Day Bring Your's James Bible Study 5:00 PM	2 Counting and Lock up David Funchess	3	4 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	5 All kids! Join us for Fun, Games, and Lunch this coming Sunday!	6	7 Pray for our Students and Teachers as classes begin.	
8 Back to School Fun Day James Study 5:00 PM	9	10	11 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	12	13 What will you bring to the Bake-Off?	14	
15 Church-wide Bake-Off Lunch James Study 5:00 PM	16	17	18 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	19 Remember you can give online at <a href="http://blueridgebaptistchurch.net">blueridgebaptistchurch.net</a>	20	21	
22 James Study 5:00 PM	23	24	25 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	26	27 End of Summer Cook-out this coming Sunday.	28	
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