

BLUE RIDGE

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From My Heart

Merry Christmas Blue Ridge Family! We will have an exciting Christmas Season at Blue Ridge this year. There will be opportunities for fellowship, to share locally and internationally, and to bring the Christmas alive in your heart.

For years when I was in college and Seminary and when I was single Christmas for me meant a road trip home. These journeys were long (between 667 and 1,200 miles), in my old car, and often in one day.

There were a lot of adventures on the way home. During one bitterly cold trip I gave a buddy named Kyle a lift home. On that trip the heater in my car went out. We were afraid to drive at night without a defrost so we spent the night with my Grandma in Oklahoma City. The next day got off early in the morning for a 500-mile trip with freezing temperatures and no heat. We both dug into our suitcases and set the record for the most layers ever worn at one time.

On another trip I got a ride home with a friend named Curt. We got to Oklahoma and ran into a blizzard. We gave up driving when we couldn't see the road anymore. In the middle of nowhere we found something that resembled the Bate's Motel. It was strange, but warm and we lived through the night.

On many trips I brought 2 or 3 friends back to their homes in Albuquerque. Most of the time I took the trip alone. Those trips were lonely and monotonous, but the last 45 minutes of the trip was exciting and breathtaking. I usually approached home in the wee hours of the morning, it was always dark, and I was usually the only one on the road. As I got close to home I cut through the Sandia Mountains and entered Tijeras Canyon. As I came out of the mountains suddenly Albuquerque lay before me. All at once

there it was, and the lights of the city stretched out for miles. It was beautiful, it was exciting, I was home for Christmas, and all was right with world.

That must have been how the Wisemen felt as they left Jerusalem and saw the star which led them to Bethlehem and baby Jesus, God's Son, and our Savior. It had been a long journey, but they were home. *Whenever you find Jesus you are home, and all is right with the world.*

Our prayer is that during all that we do at Blue Ridge this Christmas Season your heart will find a home in the Baby born in a stable, born to bring God to the world, born to be our Savior.

Coming up at Blue Ridge:

December 5, Poinsettia Deadline

December 12 Christmas Family
Deadline

Christmas Dinner

December 19 Christmas Play
Candlelight & Carols

I hope to see you Sunday!

*With love,
Bro. John*



Where was the heart of our Blue Ridge family just a couple of weeks ago? It was flown by plane to all ends of the earth through small shoeboxes of gifts packaged by each of you to bring happiness to children ages 2-12 years old who are dirt poor. They will know God loves them through your heart! Just imagine! I am happy to share that we sent our biggest number ever, 59 given and that says a whole lot! Thank you for shopping, giving, and packing. Thank you to JoAnn Woodfin for delivering our boxes to a church in Montgomery to be placed in a truck for the airport. Love lifted to the skies of God's beautiful world.





Merry Christmas



It's a Merry Christmas at Blue Ridge

"Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people."

Follow the light that shines for all to see as we travel through the Season.

- December 5 Our BRBC Ladies Begin Our Celebration with Breakfast!*
- December 7 Poinsettia Orders Must Be In*
- December 12 Our Annual Church Family Christmas Dinner*
- December 12 Christmas Angel Families Gifts are Due*
- December 12 Christmas Play Practice*
- December 19 Our Blue Ridge Christmas Play at 11:00 am*
- December 19 Candlelight and Carols at 5:00 pm*
- December 19 Lottie Moon Week of Prayer for International Missions*



Ladies Christmas Breakfast and Ornament Exchange

Sunday, December 5, 2021

At 9:00 am

In the Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share- eggs, casseroles, pastries, pancakes, grits, breads, beverages, or whatever you enjoy. Coffee and juice will be provided.



You and Your Family are invited to the Annual Blue Ridge Family Christmas Dinner

On Sunday, December 12, 2021

At 5:00 pm.

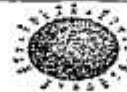
Bring your favorite Christmas side dishes and desserts to share.

Turkey and ham will be provided.

Congratulations to the Cannons!



We welcome to our world, Truman Cannon! Truman was born on November 22, 2021 at 4:27 pm. He weighed 7 lbs, 7 oz, and was 19 inches long. His loving parents are Colby and Madeline Cannon. His Grandmother is Lisa Pendley and his proud uncle is Keith Pendley and fiancée' Katelynn Burns



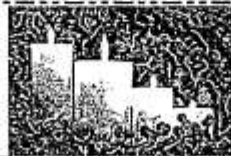
The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer for International Missionaries begins on December 19. Pray about how the Lord wants you to give to share the Good News about Jesus around the world.

*"Christmas Is a Miracle",
Our 2021 Christmas Play presented by
our Blue Ridge Players
Sunday, December 19
as our Morning Worship Celebration!*



Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to see this live story of Jesus' miracles. Don Roney will play the part of Jesus. Bro. John is the author of the play and will be calling on you for casting.

Rehearsal is on December 12!



Candlelight and Carols

Sunday, December 19, 2021

5:00 pm

Every year we are blessed to gather together for a beautiful, quiet service as our last time together before Christmas Eve. We all love our Church family and we come together to sing Christmas hymns, pray, hear Reborn Harmony, and share candlelight with those beside us. Invite all you know to share in this touching event marking our Savior's birth.



Christmas Greetings to our Friends

Our church family sends our love and prayers to James and Jody Mallonee, Dr. Don Cheatham, Drs.

Corey and Marcia Stanley, and Mrs. Brenda Chambliss. We thank you for always remembering our church as you faithfully give your tithes and offerings each month. Your support of Blue Ridge makes all the difference to our ministries

Children's Ministry in December



December 5: Nursery: Emily Roney; CC: Tammi Stevenson
December 12: Nursery: Emily Roney; CC: Susan and Shirley
December 19: Nursery: Emily Roney; CC: Jackie Carney
December 26: Nursery: Emily Roney; CC: Lorrie Sereneck

December Birthdays



- 5 Sydney Brown
- 9 Linda Graydon
- 14 Lynn Mallonee Lee
- 18 Vincent Bennett
- 20 Brenda Chambliss
- 25 Celebrate Jesus' Birth
- 31 Howard Bayerle, Jr.

Christmas Angels Wish List Arrives



We have 2 families we will minister to this Christmas. We are working with The Family Sunshine Center to provide Christmas gifts, food, and Jesus' love for 2 Mothers with 2 children each. The families are being sheltered by The Sunshine Center as their home became unsafe. With our giving hearts and hands, they will have a brighter Christmas. We are thankful to serve our Lord as we share through our blessings the Lord has given us. We will help allow His light to shine on their lives.

Each one's Christmas wish list in on the Angel Bulletin Board in the office hallway outside Jackie's office. All gifts need to be in by December 12.



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to give a poinsettia for the Sanctuary this Christmas in memory or in honor of someone special to you, please fill out the following form. The cost of a double poinsettia is \$16.00 and the cost of a single is \$9.00. Orders must be placed by December 7th.

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

How many _____ What size _____



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Christmas Dinner December 12th Candlelight & Carol December 19



Join us every Sunday for Worship at 11:00 AM at Blue Ridge or on YouTube!
 Go to our Website www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net and click on the link.

How to Give Online

Unleash your generosity by giving through our safe and secure GiveThree65 digital platform.
 Visit www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net and click on the Secure Donations Page to begin the process.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Counting and Lock up David Brown		1 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	2	3 Ladies Breakfast Sunday 9-Dec at 9:00 AM	4 Turn in your Poinsettia Orders this Sunday December 5th
5 Ladies Ornament Exchange 9:00 AM James Study 5:00 PM	6	7	8 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	9	10 The Deadline to turn in gifts for our Christmas Families is 12-Dec	11
12 Christmas Dinner 5:00 PM	13	14	15 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	16 Remember you can give online at blueridgebaptistchurch.net	17	18 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Dec. 19-26
19 Christmas Play 11:00 AM Candlelight and Carol 5:00 PM	20	21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas Christ is Born!
26	27	28	29 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	30 Visit us on the web at blueridgebaptistchurch.net	31	
		November 2021 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		January 2022 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! Christmas Dinner 12-Dec Candlelight & Carol 19-Dec

Bro. John & Jackie's Christmas Greeting follows



To Our Wonderful Church Family at Blue Ridge,

Christmas is here and it seems like we have just celebrated Happy New Year to 2021! It has been a year of triumphs for the Lord with Baptisms, completion of the renovation of our church, a miracle of God through one broken limb from a tree on Easter evening 2020, and a continued growth of sweet fellowship in our church family! We experienced sadness in the homegoing to Heaven of our loved ones while rejoicing as they experience all the glory our Savior has promised. God has touched our lives in powerful ways, and we bow down in prayers of worship, love, and thanksgiving for His Almighty Goodness and Mercy.

He has given you, our church family to us and we are eternally thankful as your Pastor and friend. You have ministered to our family, and we feel your daily prayers for us. We love you! Many of you are so kind to Bentley as well and we are thankful for your prayers and treatment of him as he keeps plugging through his genetic Westie Fibrosis. He loves everybody at church, and you bring him and us great encouragement. We know we have the best church family around, with each one's willingness to serve and love one another as Christ loves and blesses us. We pray you feel His love and encouragement every day of this Christmas month and in the coming New Year and all your days ahead. Life is a journey of 24-hour days. Make sure to count your blessings every day and look for ways to share God's love with those in your pathway. You will be the blessing in their lives and sometimes their only smile for the day. You will receive a blessing as well.

We have many opportunities to come together at church this month leading up to the Celebration of the birth of our Savior. We hope you make it to all you can. It's important to be together as we traverse this life and each celebration that comes our way. We are blessed to have each other as our spiritual family. We are sometimes lonely or sad, but we know there is a light in our community where God's love shines for all to see—Blue Ridge Baptist Church! You are a part of that light at church and wherever you go. Many are looking for that light and we pray for each one of us to shine for all to see, just as the Star the shepherds and Wise Men followed to see the promised Savior, Jesus Christ.

Remember the Greatest Gift This Christmas and for the Coming New Year through eternity!

"For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life". John 3:16- That's all of us!

"For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23- That's all of us!

"Pursue peace with all men and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord" Hebrews 12:14 That's all of us!

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all righteousness," 1 John 1:9 That's all of us!

For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more" Hebrews 8:12 That's all of us!

As we begin the busy times of our Christmas celebrations in the next month, let's pause to thank God for His baby Son who grew showing us how to live our lives in 2021-2022. It's a simple path to follow and it is present every day of our lives.

*Our love and Merry Christmas to All,
Bro. John and Jackie*