

# Blue Ridge

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## From My Heart

**E**aster is coming and you had better get ready! Believe it or not, spring and Easter are just around the corner. Easter is important and we are praying that we will have a glorious one.

Obviously, it is important because we celebrate His death and resurrection, but it is not just about us, it is even more important for the lost. Easter is important because it draws people to Christ, even people that reject Christ or have no real knowledge or interest in Him.

Let me tell you a story. A few months ago, I was taking a walk in my daughter's neighborhood while we visited Wyatt. Her neighborhood has lots of young children. It is fun to see them out playing in their yards. Suddenly, I heard a sound I had not heard in years. The music was familiar, it took me back to my childhood and it created excitement deep within me. Could it be true, am I dreaming? It caused me to think I should take action and take action quickly. I felt I needed to run back to Wyatt's house to proclaim the news, "The ice cream truck is coming!" I began checking my pockets to see if I enough money. Just then, the ice cream truck turned the corner - high and lifted up. I know it is silly, but something within me from way back when knew the joy of the ice cream truck and when I heard it I was ready to receive it with joy.

Back to Easter, the story of Easter is the story of love, the story of God's sacrifice for us. It is the story of hope and victory. It is the greatest come from behind story. It is the greatest love story. When you hear the music of Easter, listen to the story, your heart perks up and you sense an urgency to respond and to receive it. Remember those folks on the road to Emmaus who had talked to Jesus without knowing it was Him in Luke 24:32. *"They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts*

*burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the scriptures to us?'"* Whether you have heard the message of Easter since childhood or you are hearing it for the first time, it grabs you, opens your heart and tells you now is the time to receive this most precious gift.

If ever there was a time to get someone in church, this is it. The story of Easter touches hearts and breaks down barriers. Let us all pray about who we will invite to Blue Ridge and with whom we will share the Easter Story. Lives can be redeemed and restored by the message we will be proclaiming as we walk toward Resurrection Sunday. I am praying you will join us and invite others to join us.

## Coming in March

Each Sunday we will be marching toward Easter with messages that will point us to Resurrection Sunday.

We will be Celebrating North American Missions, praying for our missionaries and receive a special offering on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

On Palm Sunday we will have a special fun day for children as we fly kites and eat lunch.

On Resurrection Sunday we will have our Outdoor Service, Breakfast, and a Celebration Service. Look for details that will keep it safe and joyous!

Our Life South Blood Drive has been moved to May 23<sup>rd</sup>. A gift to freely give.

Thanks to everyone who is participating in our online Bible Study, **My New Life**. Thirty-two watched week one. Week two and so on will drop on Mondays. Go at your own pace. Let us know if you need a workbook. Those out of town may order one from LifeWay.com.

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

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

*Bro. John*

*Christ is Risen!*

# March Into Spring and March Into Blue Ridge

We thank God for our Ability to Gather and Worship

- March 14 Daylight Savings Time Spring Forward
- March 20 Spring Begins
- March 28 Palm Sunday
- March 28 Kite Day, safely spaced outdoors
- April 4 Easter Celebration at Blue Ridge Begins
- April 11 Bridal Tea Honoring Madeline Bennett



### Spring Forward



Daylight Savings Time begins 2AM Sunday!

Daylight Saving Time Springs Forward on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Set your clocks forward before you go to bed.



For believers, spring is a reminder that God is all about making things new. In fact, Jesus promised to make everything new one day (Revelation 21:5). In the meantime, He gives us glimpses of the coming attractions through spring.



Our Annual Kite Day is Coming for everyone of all ages on Sunday, March 28 after Morning Worship. Celebrate Spring in the beautiful outdoors behind the church. Bring your own kites or we will have some available for you. We will have a quick lunch, safely served for our kite flyers. Sit outside safely distanced and watch the fun!



"They took palm branches and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

We will celebrate the coming King on Palm Sunday, March 28. Invite all your friends, family, and neighbors to come worship with us.



THE ONE DAY THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

*Sunday Morning Schedule at Blue Ridge*

9:00 am	Outdoor Easter Service
9:30 am	Easter Breakfast
10:00 am	Bible Study
11:00 am	He is Risen! Easter Celebration Service

## Thank You, Church Family

We thank Terry Graydon, Owen Sereneck, and Buddy Davis for clearing the grounds in front and on the Haggerty side of the church. Thank you to Jim Harris for repairing the Nursery bathroom plumbing. Thank you to Buddy Davis and David Funchess for polishing the brass plates around the doors of the church. Thank you to all our members who wrote postcards to our members, providing love, encouragement, and friendship during the month of February. Thank you to Susan Hansen for providing our contribution records for 2020. Thank you to Reborn Harmony for blessing us with your talents. Thank you to Barbara Harris for the flowers around the church. Thank you to Bro. John and Jackie for sprucing up the church.



### Thank You, Special Friends of Blue Ridge

The Lord loves a cheerful giver and we at Blue Ridge do as well. We express our appreciation to Dr. Don and Joyce Cheatham, James and Jody Mallonee, Drs. Cory and Marcia Stanley, and Mrs. Brenda Chambliss for your faithful and loving support of our church. We thank God for you and lift you up in our prayers to Him. Your gifts are life-giving and lifesaving to our ministries, God bless you.

### Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary



Please fill out the form below if you would like to give an Easter lily to beautify our Sanctuary for Easter in memory of someone or in honor of someone special to you.

The cost of a single lily is \$7.50 and \$14.00 for a double. They will be pretty and fragrant. You may take your lily home after the Easter service.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Given in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Size and Amount Given \_\_\_\_\_

## March Birthdays



4	Fay Milton
5	Spencer Lott
6	Joyce Cheatham
	Caroline Roney
	Eric Aldridge
24	Don Cheatham
28	Keith Pendley
30	David Brown

### Join our Online Bible Study, "My New Life".

Bro. John will post each week's study on YouTube every Monday. We have study books at church, or you may order one from LifeWay for \$7.00. It's a great study for every Christian, whether you have been a Christian for one week or for decades.

### Children's Ministry in March



**March 7:** Children's Church: Jackie Carney  
**March 14:** Children's Church: Shirley Davis and Susan Bass  
**March 21:** Children's Church: Volunteers Needed  
**March 28:** Children's Church: Lorrie Sereneck  
*Please let us know if you can help! We need you!*



### Bible Study Times at Blue Ridge-Come Join Us!

The Coed II Sunday School Class is meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 9:45.

Bro. John will meet with Adults for Bible Study in the Choir Room at 9:45 am if you will text him to let him know you will be there.

Emily Riddle will teach the Youth Bible Study the last half of Morning Worship.

Wednesday at 4 pm we have a Bible Study and Prayer and Share Time with Bro. John in the Fellowship Hall.

Sundays at 5 pm is an informal time of Bible Study. Bring your own drink or we will make some decaf coffee. You will not be called on to read or to answer questions, but you can do those if you want. **Come Join Us for Beginning or Growing Knowledge and Fellowship with Friends**

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**MARCH 2021**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Counting and Lock up David Brown	2	3 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 4:00 PM	4	5	6 Join the My New Life online Bible Study New lessons drop on Mondays.
7 Bible Study 9:45 Worship 11:00  Biblical Justice 5:00 PM	8 Week of Prayer for North American Missions	9	10 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 4:00 PM	11	12	13 <i>Spring Forward</i> Move your clocks ahead one hour tonight.
14 North American Missions Offering Biblical Justice 5:00 PM	15	16	17 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 4:00 PM	18 Remember you can give online at <a href="http://blueridgebaptistchurch.net">blueridgebaptistchurch.net</a>	19	20
21  Biblical Justice 5:00 PM	22	23	24 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 4:00 PM	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday Celebration 11:00 AM Kite Day and Lunch Noon	29	30	31 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 4:00 PM	Visit us on the web at <a href="http://blueridgebaptistchurch.net">blueridgebaptistchurch.net</a>		
		February 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		April 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		<b>Notes:</b>  <b>Coming Up!</b> Easter Celebration 4-Apr Bennett Shower 11-Apr Gideon Speaker 18-Apr
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