

BLUE RIDGE

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From My Heart

Where were you in 1965? Some of you were not born yet, but others were in grade school or already planning your lives. 1965 was a pretty big year. American armed forces first began to arrive in Vietnam in 65 and before the year was out, there would be 190,000 young men and women there. In Alabama the Selma to Montgomery March took place. In space NASA was well into the Gemini Program which in a few years would take us to the Moon.

On the football field, some team from Tuscaloosa won the NCAA National Championship. On the movie screen the hills were alive with "The Sound of Music". On our radios the Beach Boys were singing about "California Girls" and the Beatles were telling us that "I Feel Fine". On Palm Sunday 51 tornados hit the mid-west. That year scientists discovered Kevlar and police officers and soldiers were very appreciative. Born that year were Viola Davis, Ben Stiller, Sarah Jessica Potter, Brooke Shields, and JK Rowling.

in the midst of all that fame, excitement, tragedy, and life changing events, Blue Ridge Baptist Church came to be. It all started in the hearts of a handful faithful believers who thought Blue Ridge ought to have a lighthouse for the Gospel of Christ.

After all these years we are probably not as famous as JK Rowling or as well known as the Crimson Tide, but we are important, and we have made a huge difference. Our goal has never been to be famous. Our goal has always been to make Him famous! 1 Corinthians 10:31 describes what we are all about, "Do everything for the glory of God." I love Matthew 5:16, "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and

glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

I have been the Pastor at Blue Ridge for over 28 years and throughout that time I been thrilled to see the good works that have pointed so many lives to new life in Christ. There have been 28 Vacation Bible Schools and every year children are saved, families drawn to Christ, and over the years thousands have given glory to God by loving children through Bible stories, crafts, music, and kindness to little ones that Jesus died for. We have reached children for Christ who are now grown, and we have seen them bring their children to our VBS at Blue Ridge because they know we love children and Jesus!

At Blue Ridge, we provide Christmas for families in crisis, we have sent thousands of shoeboxes around the world, this year we bought two goats for a poor farming family, we have brought hundreds of children to Blue Ridge through our van ministry (Some are with us today who started coming at age four and are now in high school.). We have loved and nurtured untold numbers of folks, bringing them to Christ and helping them to grow in the faith. We have celebrated the good times at graduations, weddings, babies born, and we have supported folks in their losses and grief. We have taught the Word and we have fellowshiped.

We are great family of faith because we are not here for ourselves, we are here to honor our Lord and in the process great and fun things happen. As we have sought to honor God and reach our neighbors we packed over 500 in our front yard to see the Olympic torch pass by, we have had Fall Festivals, Movies under the Stars, Cookouts, Egg Hunts, and we have eaten better than anyone else in Alabama. God has been honored and Jackie and I love you all very much!

Hope to see you Sunday at Blue Ridge as we celebrate our 57th Anniversary.

Bro. John

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**



May 1, 2022



Happy 57th Anniversary Blue Ridge Baptist Family!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" Romans 15:13

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:7

We thank our Lord for our beautiful church and our wonderful church family who loves God Almighty and serves in His Kingdom here on earth to bring others to Him as we are given eternal life in Heaven. Let's celebrate the founding of Blue Ridge Baptist Church, it's past, present, and future.

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Join us as we observe a special morning of Praise and Worship at 11:00 am! Buddy Davis, Emily Roney, Avery, Evelyn, and Caroline Roney, and Clarence and Janet Mann will perform in song! Our church history will be shared by Rev. Steve Rogers and Bro. John will break open the Word of God.

Pictures and documents of our history, past and present will be on display.

After Morning Worship our members will share turkey, ham, and good old-fashioned Sunday dinner of side dishes and desserts shared by our church family. We have the best cooks and bakers around and you won't leave wanting. This will be a fun day for all ages!



Thank You to Everyone who has helped prepare the church for our 57th Anniversary!

Thank you to Jim and Barbara Harris for providing our delicious turkey and the Carneys for the ham. Thank you, church family for providing all the fruits, vegetables, and breads for our dinner. Thank you to all who helped tidy up the church. Thank you to Jim Harris, David Funchess, Buddy Davis, Jim Beck, James Miller, and Bro. John for taking care of the church lawns and landscaping. Thank you to Jackie for displaying the pictures and documents of our history. Thank you, church family for your faithfulness in our church services and in sharing your tithes and offerings.

"The church is Christ's body, the completion of him who himself completes all things everywhere." Ephesians 1:23

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8, 2022



Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.
Author: Unknown

Mothers, we will celebrate you in our Morning Worship Service and will have a special gift for you, Grandmothers, and others special to your children. You are a gift from God!

Baccalaureate Service
Sunday, May 15, 2022



We will honor our young people moving up to the next level of school during the Morning Worship Service.

Spring Fling is Coming May 22!



Yahoo! Spring is here, and we invite you to celebrate a happy day outside in back of the church! We will have a lunch provided by our Youth Family and then play kickball, bubbles, hopscotch, corn hole, balloons, have fun on our playground with freshly painted decorations by Linda Jones (thank you, Linda!), bring your bicycle or big wheels, and enjoy the beautiful outdoors. Invite the neighbors to join us!

VBS is Coming June 12-16!!!

Spark Studios Will Be a Fantastic Place to be!



Created in Christ***Designed for God's Purpose!

Drawing, painting, music, playing instruments, invention- there's something for everyone at Spark Studios!

We will have Bible stories, Crafts, Music, Missions, and much more for every child and teens ages 3- 12th Grade.

6:30-8:30 each night, Sunday-Thursday, will be a great memory maker for your children.

Parents, enjoy Parents Night Out every night while we have a special time caring, teaching, and loving your children. Family Night is for letting them share all they have accomplished on Sunday, June 19.

Children's Ministry in May



- 1: Tammi Stevenson and Emily Roney
- 8: Shirley Davis and Susan Bass, Emily Roney
- 15: Jackie Carney and Emily Roney
- 22: Lonnie Sereneck and Emily Roney
- 29: Volunteers Needed



Easter Flowers Given for the Sanctuary

In Memory of

Their daughter Cheryl Lynn Harris by Jim and Barbara Harris

My parents by JoAnn Woodfin

Aubrey and Bonnie Horn by Wendy Aldridge

Eric E. and Annie Aldridge by Wendy Aldridge

Terry Graydon by Linda Graydon

Sharon Tyler and Robin Lowry by Kelly and Ryan Manni

Rubye Holley, Buddy 's Mom by Buddy and Shirley Davis

Ruby Burnette, Shirley's Mom by Buddy and Shirley Davis

Our family In Heaven by Bro. John and Jackie

Joyce Cheatham by Dr. Don Cheatham

Her Dad Terry Graydon by Amy and Ryan Casey, Gray, and Sidney

In Honor of

Bro. John by his church family



May Birthdays

- 1 Jayme Mallonee Mercer
- 5 Hannah Greenshields
- 6 Cindy Singleton
- 9 Kristina Mallette
- 10 Susan Owen
Morgan Carney Lott
Ryan Manni
- 11 Wendy Chambliss
- 24 Linda Jones
- 27 Don Jones
Theresa Hill
- 28 Brittany Hill



Thank You, Church Friends, and Family

As we celebrate our 57th Church Anniversary, we celebrate our special friends and family in Christ who always share their tithes and offerings with our church each month. Without them, we would struggle to carry out our missions and ministries that the Lord has shared with us, both within and outside our church grounds and around the world. We lift them up daily and pray God will bless theirs and their family's lives.

Thank you, James and Jody Mallonee, Dr. Don Cheatham, Drs. Cody and Marcia Stanley, Mrs. Brenda Chambliss, and Doris and Melvin Schulz.

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57th Anniversary Celebration and Lunch May 1st
Mother's Day Service May 8th 11:00 AM
Coming June 12-16 6:30-8:30 PM



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.

MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Anniversary Celebration and Lunch 11:00 AM	2 Counting and Lock up Jim Harris	3	4 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM Exodus Study	5 Hope for the Hurting Sunday Morning Bible Study Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM	6	7	
8 Mother's Day Service A Gift for Every Mom	9	10	11 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM Exodus Study	12	13	14 Invite a Friend to Blue Ridge this Sunday!	
15 Graduate Recognition Service 11AM Bible Study 5PM	16	17	18 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM Exodus Study	19 Remember you can give online at blueridgebaptistchurch.net	20	21	
22 Spring Fling and Youth Fundraiser Lunch Bible Study 5PM	23	24	25 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM Exodus Study	26	27	28	
29 Bible Study 5PM	30	VBS 2022 Spark Studios June 12-16 6:30 Nightly		Visit us on the web at blueridgebaptistchurch.net			
		April 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		June 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		Notes: Coming Up! VBS 12-Jun VBS Family Night 19-Jun	
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