

BLUE RIDGE

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From My Heart

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
I Thessalonians 5:16-18

It is November and it is the time of year to give thanks for our many blessings. For the Christian, every day is the day to give thanks. If you will check out the passage above you will be reminded that giving thanks is God's will for all our lives.

Today was an easy day to give thanks. Last night was our *Fall Festival*. God gave us beautiful weather, we had lots of families with kids (we registered 11 families we had never met before, saw numerous kids from this years VBS, had a number sneak through, but I met most of them and I am going to track them down), we met lots of adults from the neighborhood, and we had 34 of us from Blue Ridge that came to support and to work hard at our outreach effort! If you know me, you know I love outreach, I love working side by side with our good folks at Blue Ridge, and I love being outside playing with kids (Did you see my Grandson Wyatt?!), so I had a GREAT DAY! Yesterday was a wonderful day to give thanks!

Not every day is so easy to give thanks. Since the pandemic we have lost a number of people we love at Blue Ridge. We lost Deetsie, Bob, Gordon, Terry, Kate, and Bobby. Personally, Jackie lost a beloved Uncle Morgan and of course we lost our son Scott. Life can be tough and disappointing, but through it all God tells us to give thanks. As I looked through scripture on giving thanks two truths popped out. First, God asks us to add thanksgiving to our prayer life. Philippians 4:6 says, *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."* God knows that some days are just about getting

hits you like dump truck and there is no sunshine and dancing. On those days we can pour out our hearts to God, tell Him our hurts, our needs, even our anger, but even in that we are to pause and give thanks. Even in pain, remember that He loves you and He is faithful even when you are not and that His mercies are new every morning. Second, Scripture tells us to make His goodness known. Isaiah 12: 4 says, *"make known among the nations what He has done and proclaim that His name is exalted."* In that short little chapter, it tells us to shout and sing about the goodness of God. Why do we do that? To let our world know that we have a good and loving God, but even more importantly to remind ourselves of the goodness of God. One of the blessings and responsibilities of having a great dog like Bentley is that he needs to be walked. I enjoy our walks, but he has to go when he has to go and that can be late at night or before dawn. I am not always thrilled when we head out the door, but I am always blessed before I return. Once outside my eyes are opened to the glories of God and I get away from the news and my worries for a few minutes. It changes my perspective and Bentley enjoys tracking down cats in the neighborhood. Proclaiming and singing of the goodness of God doesn't make your troubles go away, but it does give you peace and strength to face them.

Big things are coming in November! Our Thanksgiving Dinner will take place on November 14th at 5:00 PM. Invite your friends and family, it will be a fun time of fellowship. Also, November 14th is the Deadline for our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Join us as we change the world by providing Christmas for children. Check out the table in front of the sanctuary for all the information.

Thanks to everyone who helped with our Goat Fundraiser. Thanks to you a poor farmer will receive two goats. Your gift will also open doors and hearts to the Gospel through our International Missionaries.

*I hope to see you Sunday!
With love and thanksgiving,
Bro. John*





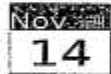
Happy Thanksgiving, Blue Ridge Family and Friends!

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his Name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever, his faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100: 4,5

Invite Your Friends and Family to Join Us for these Wonderful November Events



November 7



November 14




Veterans Day Service and Reborn Harmony
Daylight Savings Time Ends ☺
Church Thanksgiving Dinner
Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes Due
Thanksgiving Day


November 25



You, Your Family, and Friends
are invited to join us for our
Annual Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner
On Sunday, November 14, 2021
At 5:00 pm.
Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dishes and
desserts to share.

 **Veterans Day Service** 
Join us the first Sunday of the month as we say our thanks to our United States Armed Services veterans. They served our country to preserve our freedom and rights that we celebrate today. It will be a great Patriotic Service and we invite you to bring pictures and memorabilia you have to share their time of service. We praise you and them, thank God for you and them, and pray for you and them. When one serves, the entire family serves. *Reborn Harmony* will be singing!


November 7, 2021- Gain an Hour of Sleep!

We are Thankful 
We say thank you, Lord, every day for our special friends from around the country who never fail to remember our church at Blue Ridge Baptist! They make all of our church ministries possible by faithfully sharing their tithes and offerings. God has blessed us with James and Jody Mallonee in Virginia, Dr. Don Cheatham in Kentucky, Drs. Marcia and Cory Stanley in Idaho, and Mrs. Brenda Chambliss in Montgomery. It has been a blessing to have the Stanleys here at church this month! Avery, Evelyn, Caroline, James, Emily and Don Roney are having a good time with the kids' Grandparents.



Be Filling Your Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes November 1-14! They are due November 14!

There are instructions on the hallway table about the age groups, male or female gender, and gift ideas to place in your shoeboxes. Cardboard or plastic shoeboxes are great. This is a simple way to be the blessing in a child's life at Christmas time.

*****Thank You, Church Family!*****

We have so many church member volunteers that keep our church house and grounds in top shape for our Lord and our church family. Many don't want recognition, although they deserve it! We thank Susan Hansen for letting us do our church copying at her office in Montgomery. We thank Jim Harris for providing our church website and for the many ways he takes care of our church and pastorium. We thank Buddy Davis and Jim Harris for repairing the plumbing there. We thank Jim Beck, Buddy Davis, and David Funchess for maintaining our church lawns. We thank Don Roney and the General for providing the tractor for our Fall Festival hayrides and Don for the excellent layout for us to safely navigate our Fall Festival pathways, along with the CakeWalk! Thank you, Lisa and Mayson Lott for baking whole cakes for our CakeWalk and for Greg and Lisa Lott for proving their Trunk and a game. The Davis', Browns, Aldridges, Harris', and Carney's for providing Trunks, and David Funchess for operating the SnoCones and popcorn machines. The Roney's gave 200 bags of candy! Thank you to Shirley Davis, Linda Graydon, the Harris', the Stevenson's, and others who brought food and manned the kitchen. Thank you to Ben, Jon Jon, and Justin for setting up.

Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Fay Milton, Bill (Tina) Milton, and Melissa (Bill) Milton Myers and family in the passing of Bobby Milton in October. He was a faithful part of our church family and we miss him.

† In Memory of Bobby Milton

The family of Bobby Milton has requested that gifts in memory of Bobby be given to our church. The following have given these gifts. Our church family appreciates Fay and the Milton family for these gracious memorial gifts.

- Lisa Pendley
- Rev. John and Jackie Carney
- Judy and Dwight Scroggins
- Buddy and Shirley Davis
- Linda Graydon
- Anthony Green
- Penny Orr, Bradley Lindsey
- Sandi Edwards
- Patsy and Luke Houlton
- Jim and Barbara Harris
- Janet Johnson
- Sandi Edwards, Tricia Starkie, Debbie Shaw, Deonna Thompson, Joyce Taylor, and Ann Roy

November Birthdays

- 5 Emily Roney
- 6 Donna Parker
- 10 Madeline Pendley Cannon
- 11 Patrick Barfoot
- 15 Scott Stevenson
- 16 Jackie Carney
- 23 Tim Pemberton
- Jerome Cannon

Children's Ministry in November

- 7: Tammi Stevenson, Emily Roney
- 14: Shirley Davis and Susan Bass
- 21: Jackie Carney, Emily Roney
- 28: Lorrie Sereneck, Emily Roney

Sign up to join our Children's Ministry Team!
You will be blessed with love and laughter!

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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.

NOVEMBER 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Counting and Lock up David Funchess | 2 | 3 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Veteran's Day Celebration 11:00 AM James Study 5:00 PM | 8 | 9 | 10 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM | 11 Veteran's Day | 12 The Deadline to receive Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes is November 14! | 13 |
| 14 OCC Shoebox Deadline James Study 5:00 PM | 15  | 16 | 17 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM | 18 Remember you can give online at blueridgebaptistchurch.net | 19 | 20 |
| 21 James Study 5:00 PM | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Happy Thanksgiving | 26 | 27 |
| 28 James Study 5:00 PM | 29 | 30 | | Visit us on the web at blueridgebaptistchurch.net | | |
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