

BLUE RIDGE

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From My Heart

Welcome to fall! It is a glorious time to be a member of Blue Ridge Baptist Church. Last month was busy and fun. We fed breakfast to 115 hungry Wetumpka Football Players and Coaches. Thank you for your generous donations and thank you to our great Breakfast Crew. Since that Breakfast they have gone on a two-game winning streak!

Last Sunday we had our "Movie Under the Stars and Cook out". God gave us a beautiful day, we had a great team preparing the food, manning the popcorn and snow cone machines, and we had 15 guests! It was a joy to see our front yard full of children frolicking under the twilight sky. Everybody had a great time. Our crew worked hard setting up and tearing down. Jackie and I had been working on the event for weeks and especially the last few days. At the end of the night, I was pretty tired, but I felt a real sense of joy. I was reminded of Psalm 16:11, "You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence."

That passage simply means God will show us the path He desires for us and if we follow it then we will experience His presence and joy. Sunday night we worked hard, we had fun together, we sought to make friends in Jesus' Name. I could feel His presence, and I felt joy. We live in a cold empty world that is looking for a good time, but never seems to find it. Real joy and fun are found in serving Jesus.

This coming Sunday, October 3rd we will celebrate the upcoming birth of Baby Truman at a Baby Shower honoring Madeline and Colby Cannon. Keep them in your prayers as the days draw near. We also begin our fundraising for "Billy the Baptist" in our efforts to help a poor farming family through the International Mission Board.

October also brings our Fall Festival which we will celebrate on Sunday,

October 31st from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.



Last year was fantastic and we are looking for an even bigger response this year. We need your help to reach new families with the love of Christ. Look for a sign-up sheet and join the fun!

Jackie and I would like to thank you for your kindness, gifts, cards, texts, and prayers for us during the loss of our son Scott. It has been a sad and difficult time, but your expressions of love have been a blessing. Scott lived and worked out of town and has not been at Blue Ridge for a long time, but he never forgot our fellowship. He remembered all those RA Basketball games and the good folks of Blue Ridge. This last summer we told him about what a blessing VBS had been, and he wanted to do something, so he ordered pizza on the phone from Georgia from Little Caesar's for our VBS Family Night. He remembered our church and appreciated it. That was part of his tithing.

During the last conversation that Jackie had with Scott was on the Tuesday before he passed on, he shared that every morning he started his day by reading Psalm 91. Verses 14 to 16 of that passage say the following: Those who love God, who acknowledge Him (honor Him), and call on His name will be rescued by Him, protected by Him, will have their prayers answered by Him, will be with Him, will be delivered by Him, and will be honored by Him. The passage closes by saying if you love God you will find satisfaction and salvation. As the Rolling Stones once said most folks "Can't get no satisfaction", but all those in Christ find satisfaction and so much more. We are sad but have peace that Scott has found complete satisfaction and salvation and abides with his Savior in Heaven.

I hope to see you Sunday mornings at Blue Ridge or online as we Discover How to Bring Spiritual Renewal in Your World. On Sunday nights at 5:00 PM we are digging into the book of James. We love you!

Bro. John





October is Pastor Appreciation Day Month

A Resolution by the Alabama Baptist Convention

Bro. John Carney has served our Lord for 28 years at Blue Ridge Baptist Church. Let's let him know of our love and appreciation for him and his dedication this month.

He spends most of his day each day in God's Word as he talks to God and prepares his sermons for our Worship hours and Bible Studies on Wednesdays and Sundays. He visits on one or two nights or days every week, as well as wherever he goes. He leads the music every Sunday, cleans the church every week, and at times grills lunches for our church family. He goes to do his office work in downtown Montgomery once or twice a week, does area-wide mailings, handles all the church mail, publishes the newsletters and weekly church bulletins, does the church purchasing, and prays ceaselessly. All because he loves His Lord and Savior and you, the church family he has been blessed by God to shepherd. Please share your appreciation with him in the coming weeks.



FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING OCTOBER 31! TRUNK OR TREAT, TRACTOR PULLED HAYRIDES, FIELD GAMES, DJ BUDDY, SUPPER, CANDY, AND PRIZES, INFLATABLES, SOMETHING FOR ALL AGES!

Sign up to help in this fun for the family, beautiful event we share every October. We have a lot of children come and bring their parents and grandparents. We need your car trunk with a game you bring or one we have at church. We need food and drinks, candy, prizes, hay, (thank you, Don Roney for bringing the tractor), and your smile to welcome those who come. Sign up on Sundays! Wear a friendly costume!

Leaves are Falling



Autumn is Calling!



Billy the Baptist

After weeks of name suggestions and then voting, we have named the goat we will be sending to a family in need. The goat will be an ongoing source of food and nourishment for them rather than sending money to the World Hunger Fund. This month we will receive your donations for one or more goats or other farm animals. Thank you, church family for participating in this ministry



Window Blinds are Here!

You may have noticed problems with our new Luxury Vinyl Flooring in the front hallways. Since there are no air conditioning vents there, the heat coming through windows caused the flooring to rise where they were glued. We ordered and received blinds for the windows and that has greatly reduced the heat. Gardner Carpets will replace the affected planks, and all will be like new. We praise the Lord for His blessings on our church!



Missions at Blue Ridge

Remember "the least of these" by placing items for the Elmore Food Pantry, Renaissance House, Friendship Missions, and the many mission efforts we give to every month. Our church family of God is so generous to care for others. Some of you are giving monthly contributions to the Food Pantry and they really appreciate it.

Wetumpka Indians Breakfast



Thank you to all our members who gave donations to provide breakfast for the 115 team members and coaches on September 17 at the Civic Center. We appreciate our servers: Linda Graydon, Jim Harris, Shirley and Buddy Davis, David Funchess, and Bro. John and Jackie. We received a true blessing!

RESOLUTION ON MINISTER APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, ministers serve tirelessly to fulfill the responsibilities of their calling; and

WHEREAS, ministers who give encouragement and assistance to others need affirmation of their efforts; and

WHEREAS, other Christian organizations have designated the month of October as "Minister Appreciation Month;"

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Alabama Baptist State Convention recognize this designation and encourage local congregations to express their appreciation for and affirmation of their ministers during October of each year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we request the Alabama State Board of Missions designate and promote October as "Minister Appreciation Month" placing it in the Church Planning Guide; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we request The Alabama Baptist to publicize this designation each September as a reminder to the churches.

-Adapted by the Alabama Baptist Convention, November 1998

Thank You Notes

Church Family,
Thank you for your prayers. We love you all.
Bobby and Fay Milton

Dear Church Family,
We want to thank you, church family, for the many ways you ministered to our family during our time of grief and mourning in the loss of our son, Scott. His passing was unexpected, and we were held in the arms of our Heavenly Father and you, our family as we walked through the reality of our loss and Heaven's gain. We will never forget your love and you becoming the hands of Jesus as you cared for us, fed us, and received our family during the week. Thank you for the many texts, cards, donations, visits, and the beautiful Bama floral wreath, which all lifted us up with your sweet words, hugs, encouragement, calls, and prayers that are ongoing. We know we will see Scott again in beautiful Heaven. We love each of you.

Bro. John and Jackie

Dear Church Family,
Jackie and I want to thank you for the joyful celebration of our 28th Anniversary on the 12th of September. We really appreciated the sweet card and generous gift you gave us in celebration. We will keep that card always. We are so blessed by each one of our church family and thank God for you every day.



Join us for a Baby Shower
In Honor of
Madeline Cannon
Awaiting the Arrival of

BABY TRUMAN

October 03, 2:00-4:00 pm
185 Mountain Meadows Lane
Wetumpka 36093

RSVP via Text 334-430-5714

Registered at Amazon and The Name Dropper

♥ Thank You to Our Church Friends from Afar

In this season of thanksgiving, we want to thank our friends who reach out with their hearts every month to share their tithes and offerings to support our Blue Ridge ministries. We have thanked God for you and ask Him to return the blessings you are to us back to you. We could not continue many times without you. Our love and prayers to Dr. Don Cheatham, James and Jody Mallonee, Drs. Marcia and Cory Stanley, and Mrs. Brenda Chambliss. Please know we love and appreciate you!



OCTOBER

2	Margaret Cone
5	Emily Riddle
14	Jim Harris
21	Dan Bass
24	Joel Johnson
26	JJ Cannon
28	Bailey Shaw
30	Wendy Aldridge



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

3: Preschool & Children's Church: Carney and Tammi Stevenson

10: Preschool: Shirley Davis and Susan Bass; Children's Church: Carney

17: Preschool: Carney; Children's Church: Volunteer

24: Preschool: Lorrie Sereneck; Children's Church: Carney

31: Volunteers Needed

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**Cannon Baby Shower 3 "Billy the Baptist" Fundraiser 3
 Fall Festival 31 4:00 - 6:00 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.

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Counting and Lock up Jim Harris				1 Billy the Baptist Help us help a Farming Family on the Mitten Field	2
3 Cannon Baby Shower 2:00-4:00 PM James Study 5:00 PM	4	5	6 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	7	8 Sign up to help at Fall Festival October 31st	9
10 James Study 5:00 PM	11	12	13 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	14 Remember you can give online at blueridgebaptistchurch.net	15	16
17 Pastor Appreciation Sunday James Study 5:00 PM	18	19	20 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	21	22	23
24 James Study 5:00 PM	25	26	27 The Mid-Week Picker Upper 5:00 PM	28 Visit us on the web at blueridgebaptistchurch.net	29	30
31 Fall Festival 4:00-6:00 Invite your friends and Neighbors	September 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		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		Notes: Coming Up! Fall Festival 31-Oct Operation Shoe Box 14-Nov	