

Key Dates in the History of Blue Ridge Baptist Church

1965

On April 14th 13 folks met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cranford with hopes of beginning a new church.

In June 3 acres were purchased on Jasmine Hill Road

On November 14th Rev. Charles Sims was called as our first pastor.

1966

May 8th was celebrated as Constitution and Dedication Day. The church begins with 61 Charter members, of those with us today are Susan Hansen and her mother Deetsie Rogers.

1971

On March 3rd Steve Rogers was licensed to the ministry.

1975

Our present sanctuary was completed.

1996

Jackie Carney led our association as VBS Director and led training events for 13 years.

Blue Ridge hosts an Olympic Torch party and over 500 attended.

Blue Ridge leads out in the first ever Elmore county Crusade. Over 1500 attend and there are over 200 decisions for Christ.

1998

Blue Ridge participates in the Faith Evangelism Program and completes 3 semesters.

1999

Blue Ridge is awarded the Eagle's Nest and Eagle's Egg Growth Awards for Sunday School for Sunday School Development and growth.

The first van is purchased, and van ministry begins. Both Ben and Jon Jon have been riding the van to church since they were 4 years old.

Revival with Darrell Robinson, Vice President of the North American Mission Board.

2005

The sponsor a Steak Dinner with professional football player and Auburn Stand out Ben Grubbs.

2006

Youth compete a mission project to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Youth begin attending the Smoky Mountain Bible Conference in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

2008

Blue begins our annual Football Breakfast for Wetumpka High School.

2009

Youth beginning working with the Hard Rock Ministries in Orlando. In **2009** and **2015** they hold Kid's Clubs at resort hotels. In **2010** they hold VBS in an inner-city church in Orlando and in **2011** they complete a painting and restoration project for a church in Orlando.

2013

Our new van is given in memory of Bobbi Riddle who dearly loved our children and worked with them in VBS and on Wednesday nights.

2014

Youth attend the Hydrate Camp in Panama City Beach. They also attended in 2016.

2015

Blue Ridge celebrated our 50th Anniversary and was recognized by the Alabama Historical Commission.

2017

The youth participate in a Mission Trip to Gulf Shores. They lead two Back yard Bible Clubs and do Beach Ministry.

2018

The SOS Class at Maxwell attended a Winter Olympics Fun night with our Youth our Youth and Children on Wednesday Night.

A summer time Backyard Bible Club was held in the Blue Ridge neighborhood.

The men at Blue Ridge participate with the North American Mission Board paint a church for the beginning of a church for the Mix Teco Indian trip that has been transplanted to Montgomery.

Through prayers and donations, the church raises \$25,000 for new roof.

We sponsor a Movie and a Cookout on the Lawn. We were blessed with a large crowd.

In October the church participates in Wetumpka City Walk for Kids and gives out over a thousand pieces of candy and invitations to Blue Ridge.

2019

Praise God! The new roof is installed.

The church participates in Fun Day in the Park, provides an inflatable, hands out 400 plus bags of popcorn and hundreds of invitations to Blue Ridge.

Things we do Every Year

We are blessed with a great web site that is always up to date.

We hold Fall Festival for our Community and for us because we like to have fun.

We have an active Van Ministry.

We collect Shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

We provide Christmas for a needy family.

We hold a Kids Klub every summer for our children and the children in our neighborhood.

We do a big time VBS that is supported by our entire church family. *Look for "In the Wild" coming July 14-18.*

We reach out to our entire neighborhood every year through mail outs, advertisements, and door to door contacts.

We have great Bible Study Classes every Sunday.

We are blessed to hear Reborn Harmony, Clarence Mann, our Youth and Children, and Linda Graydon!

Every month we eat and some months we eat a lot.

We are always blessed with warm fellowship, smiling faces, and hearts willing and ready to serve our Savior.

Pastors that have served at Blue Ridge Baptist Church

Charles Sims September 1966 – 1971

Brent Walker January 1972 – January 1973

Roy Mooneyham April 1973 – December 1975

Larry Ballard December 1979 – November 1982

Von McQueen April 1983 – May 1989

Michael Carroll 1991 – 1993

John Carney September 1983 – Present