

BLUE RIDGE

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Join us in person at Blue Ridge or On YouTube every Sunday!	

From My Heart

Easter will be here Sunday! This day of celebration is the mountain top of all our celebrations as Christians. It is so important and precious, but often our thoughts are so trivial.

For me, Easter was a new shirt and a tie, awkward pictures of me and my sisters by our front door, and a wonderful Easter Basket prepared by my mom (We got those baskets all the way through college.), a great meal at home, and of course church. As I think back, I realized two things: It was a lot of work by my mom (Thanks Mom!), and I really didn't treasure those days as I should have.

The truth is that every Sunday is Easter, that is why we worship on Sunday because that is when Jesus rose and brought victory for us all. But this Sunday is special and glorious, and we need to celebrate, give thanks, and we need to share the hope we have in the Gospel to everyone we know.

We need Easter more than ever today. We live in a tough world: our soldiers, airmen, and sailors are at war, terrorists roam the planet, people do not value life, children, or marriage, and hate abounds. We are more divided than ever, and it looks like we are headed for a very dark place. One great writer and one preacher come to mind as I think about our world today: Judith Viorst and S.M. Lockridge.

Judith Viorst wrote, **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day**. The book begins, "I went to bed with gum in my mouth and now there's gum in my hair ... I could tell it was going to be a Terrible, no good, very bad day!" You may be living one of those days today. The preacher S.M. Lockridge who preached many famous sermons, but none as prominent as "*It's Friday, but*

Sunday's Coming!". Throughout his message he delineates what happened on that Friday: Judas is betraying, Peter is denying, the soldiers are beating the Savior, the disciples are fleeing, the sun is hidden, the earth is shaking, Jesus is dying, it's Friday, but Sunday/s coming!

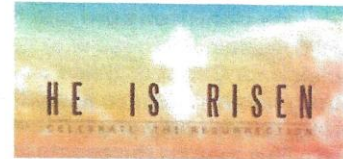
You can look around today: people are killing, leaders are mocking, disciples are doubting, but it is only Friday and Sunday is coming. Take a minute and read Matthew 16:21. Friday was no surprise to Jesus; He told His disciples to get ready and to have faith. Friday was a horrible day, but Sunday came and the same disciples who hid behind closed doors stood on the street corners and proclaimed the Savior and three thousand were baptized! Friday came, but so did Sunday and it became the message they proclaimed across the world (I Corinthians 15:3-4). Wherever they proclaimed that message the light dawned, hearts were healed, salvation came, and lives were redeemed.

Easter is coming Sunday, so lift your eyes – His tomb is empty, His Spirit can live in your heart, hope has dawned, and the devil is defeated. It is time to rejoice and claim your victory!

Jackie and I love you all and are praying for you. See you on Resurrection Sunday!

In His Love,

Bro. John



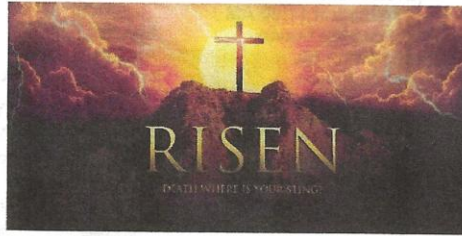
VBS is Coming!

June 7-11

6:30 to 8:30 Nightly



*An Amazing April at Blue Ridge
Come Celebrate the Risen Savior!*



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| 9:00 am | <i>Easter Morning Celebrations
Beautiful Courtyard Service</i> |
| 9:30 am | <i>Easter Morning Breakfast</i> |
| 10:00 am | <i>Bible Study for All ages</i> |
| 11:00 am | <i>Morning Worship Celebration</i> |

Easter Morning Comes



Please invite your friends and family to celebrate Our Risen Lord and Savior on Sunday, April 5, especially those who have not made a decision for Christ or those who do not have a church home. We have a wonderful, sweet, caring, and friendly church family who loves our Lord. This may be the greatest gift you can give them. The Courtyard Service will be a beautiful opportunity to worship outdoors with the musical talents of Reborn Harmony and Clarence Mann singing. (sometimes a singing bird joins us). We will share in the Lord's Supper followed by a meaningful message from Bro. John. We will then go inside for coffee, juice, and breakfast dishes brought by our church family. We always have Krispy Kreme doughnuts, pigs in a blanket, casseroles, scrambled eggs, grits, bacon, and some sweet treats. Just bring your favorite. Next will be Bible Study at 10:00. We have classes for all ages. We will then go to our Praise and Worship Celebration at 11:00. We will hear Reborn Harmony and Clarence Mann bless us in song and Bro. John will bring his Easter message from God's Holy Word.

Our Monthly Fellowship Lunch and Business Meeting is Sunday, April 12, 2026



Bring your favorite Sunday Dinner meats- main dishes, sides, and desserts to share at our lunch. We have great fellowship time as we meet around the tables. After lunch we will have our Quarterly Business Meeting for our members.

Ladies Crafts Night



Tuesday, April 14 is our fun monthly evening of learning a new timely seasonal craft, sitting around the tables with our friends. Bring a friend!

Our April Lunch Bunch is Thursday, April 23



Join us for lunch at the Botanic Restaurant and tour the gardens in the April sunshine of Opelika. We will leave at 10:00. Ride the van or drive your car.



Our Love and Sympathy



Our Christian love and sympathy are expressed to the family of Dee Blake, her husband Henry, daughter Donna and her family, and her son, Hank and his wife Becky in her passing. She loved Blue Ridge and our church family. We will truly miss her. She first joined us in the early nineties. She faithfully served in many areas of the church.

Our Love and Sympathy



Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Stephen and Tara Brown and family in the loss of Stephen's Aunt, Eugenia Brown who was 98 years old and lived in Evergreen, Alabama.



Easter Lilies for Our Sanctuary

Thank you to all who gave Easter Lilies to beautify our Sanctuary for Easter

Given in Memory of:

Cheryl Lynn, their daughter by Jim and Barbara Harris

Her parents by JoAnn Woodfin

Gary Ryals, her husband by Bonnie Ryals

Eugene Peters, Sr. by Jim and Joni Musser

John and Rose Musser by Jim and Joni Musser

Bonnie and Aubrey Horn by Wendy Aldridge

Annie and Eric Aldridge by Wendy Aldridge

Dee Blake, her Mother by Donna Chrietzberg, Chloe, and Axton

Our parents and family by Bro. John and Jackie Carney

Given in Honor of:

Wyatt Lott by Bro. John and Jackie and Jackie

Children's Ministry in April



5: Tammi Stevenson

12: Susan Bass

19: Tammi Stevenson

26: Jackie Carney

Happy April Birthdays



- 1 Brandy Ryals
- 2 Jay Goff
- 11 Doris Brown
- 14 Ben Lowry
- 16 Timothy Mallette
- 24 Amy Brown
- 27 Michael Colquitt
- 30 Trey Bethea

Congratulations



*The wedding of
Emily Riddle and Tanner Golden
Will take place on April 25.
We pray God's blessings on all your
new life together. We love you!*



Palm Sunday Was a Great Day!

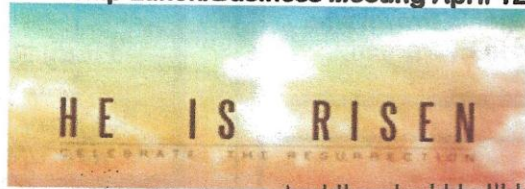
Our children and adult friends began our Palm Sunday Worship Service by walking the aisle waving their palm branches and laying them on the Lord's Supper table. It was a beautiful sight and reminder of the beginning of Holy Week. They said "Hosanna" as they entered.

We saw a video about the meaning of Easter in Children's Church and Bro. John preached about Palm Sunday and that Jesus is more attractive than religion, Scripture is more accurate than opinion, and following Jesus is more important than investigating, all in Morning Worship. Palm Sunday made the crowd decide whether He would be their Messiah or just another teacher.

Our Easter Egg Hop was Lots of Fun! We played, we hopped car to car, we went down the big slide, we played basketball, hit the baseball, and played all the car trunk games. Thank you to all who participated! It all pointed to Jesus' love! "Let the children come unto me"- Jesus

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Fellowship Lunch/Business Meeting April 12th



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Remember to invite your One to Easter!	Counting and Lock Up David Funchess		Prayer & Share 5:00 pm			
5 Easter Sunday Courtyard 9 Celebration 11	6 Visitation 7:00 pm	7 TOPS 5:30 pm Ladies Crafts 6:30 pm	8 Prayer & Share 5:00 pm	9 	10	11
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26	27 Visitation 7:00 pm	28 TOPS 5:30 pm	29 Prayer & Share 5:00 pm	30	VBS June 7-11 	Coming Up Anniversary Sunday May 3 Mother's Day May 10

Hi!

Visit us at www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net to see events, pictures, sermons, and a private, secure giving site, all done by our Webmaster, Jim Harris. There are so many pictures to see and information to gather. Thank you, Jim, for an excellent website. It is always up to date!