

Blue Ridge

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From My Heart

August is Fellowship month at Blue Ridge! There will be opportunities every week to have fun with your Blue Ridge Family and to draw closer to them.

I grew up in a fun church like Blue Ridge. We had BIG EVENTS like our Annual Living Nativity where we dressed up as Biblical Characters and recreated the Christmas Story. You froze, but your mouth always left on fire from Lilly Martinez's super-hot chili and somehow your tongue always got burned as you drank hot chocolate, but it was ALL FUN! We had Huge Picnics, Camps, Retreats, great parties, but some of the funniest times I had were at the weekly Wednesday Night Suppers, Bible studies, and Choir Practice. It was a joy to spend time with God's Family of Faith! It was also educational; one lesson I learned was to never leave my plate alone at supper because one fellow named Tim had a bad habit of dumping salt on your food if you were not watching. Don't try that today because I am ALWAYS watching!

The Bible teaches us that Fellowship is important. Listen to I John 1:3,4, *"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete."*

When people receive the Gospel, something changes, we are not only one with Christ, but we are united to all of the rest of the believers. God expects us to love each other, support each other, and work together to build His Kingdom. All of that doesn't always come naturally. That is why the new church in Acts chapter two were devoted to not only Bible Study,

Worship, and Prayer, but to Eating Together and Fellowship. If they were to be a Family, they had to learn to love and care for each other and that takes time together. *My prayer is that you will choose to be Devoted to our Family at Blue Ridge and to take advantage of these fun events to draw closer to our wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ.*

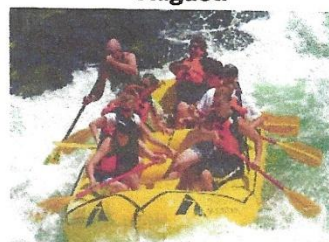
School begins locally on August 10th. Let us pray for all our children and our VBS children returning to school. Pray for their safety, for their teachers, and all of the support staff like our own Renee' Miller. We live in dangerous times, and our kids are very vulnerable. I read an article by Franklin Graham the other day and he shared that when he grew up, he learned the three R's: **Respect** for Authority, **Responsibility** for personal activities and their consequences, and **Reverence** for the Almighty God. Unfortunately, today it seems kids are being taught **Rebellion** against established norms, **Redefinition** of the most fundamental truths, and **Rejection** of anyone who stands up for traditional moral values, and certainly a **Rejection** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am so **PROUD** that our Family of Faith loves children and invests in them through VBS, Bible Study, and all the many events we provide to reach out to them. Children find love, kindness, and the Good News of Jesus Christ that they so desperately need at Blue Ridge! God knows of your sacrifice and service, and I pray you feel his favor and joy. God bless you all!

Jackie and I love you all and are praying for you. Hope to see you on Sunday!

In His Love,
Bro. John

**Youth and Children look out
for our Whitewater Trip in
August!**





An Awesome August at Blue Ridge

"You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God" Psalm 68:35

Five Great Sunday Fellowships in August

2	Watermelon and Summer Fruits Supper
9	Blue Ridge Bake-Off Fellowship Lunch
11	Ladies Crafts Night Out
16	Ice Cream Supper
23	Youth Fundraiser BBQ Lunch
27	Lunch Bunch
30	Bonnie Gibson Baby Shower



5 Great Sundays in August



August 2, 5:00 pm

Bring your favorite Watermelon, Fruits, Etc. to share.



August 9 Fellowship Lunch

BRBC Annual Bake-off makes a Fun and Delicious Day Prepare and bring your favorite Sunday Dinner dish to share. Awards are given for the Best or Favorite: Main Dish, Meat or Casserole; Side Dish, Vegetables, Casseroles; Salads; Breads; and Desserts. Everyone votes after tasting their lunch, we tally the votes and award the cook! It's all in fun!



August 16 Ice Cream Supper

Make homemade, purchase your favorite, sugar-free or with sugar and we will enjoy a buffet of flavors in bowls or on sticks.



August 23

Youth Fundraiser BBQ

Help our Youth raise funds for their Winter Bible Conference and enjoy Ribs by Jim Musser and Sweet Creek BBQ.



August 30

Bonnie Gibson Baby Shower

Join this great celebration as we look forward to a precious little baby coming this fall.



Kids Korner and Youth News and Views

Back to School Time is Here!

Everybody pray for our school kids, our teachers, the administration, our school Lunchroom staff, And the school kids in general as they begin a new year in their education. Their first day will be August 10th.

It has been a great June and July!

We began with a terrific VBS with 12 kids praying the Sinner's Prayer. So far Axton Higgins has made his profession of faith and has been baptized. He is so excited about his new life in Christ! We are, too! He is entering the 3rd Grade in Tallassee.

We are planning a new date for our Back-to-School Water Park trip! Stay tuned.

We had a Brunch for Brock and Sydney Woodham for their coming bundle of joy, Wesley Paul. Can't wait! Our prayers for them.

We have had Youth VBS with our teacher, Donna Chrietzburg. They have studied all their lessons and eaten great snack suppers! Now it's on to August fun!

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, "NOT MY JESUS," Shane Pruitt.

Welcome to Sunday School



Braylee Gray

5th Grade



**You are invited to a Baby Shower
For
Bonnie Gibson and baby,
Amelia Cleveland
Expected in September.**

**On Sunday, August 30, 2026
At 2:00-4:00 in the afternoon**

In the Church Fellowship Hall

**Renee' and James Miller are the Nanny
and Papa and Stella is the big sister, and
Hunter is the big brother.**

Bonnie is registered on Amazon.

Thank You, Friends



We want to take this time to thank our special friends who send their tithes and offerings to Blue Ridge because of their love for us. We love them and really appreciate their prayers and gifts they so faithfully send. They provide our ability to carry out our many missions for God. Thank you to James and Jody Mallonee, Drs. Corey and Marcia Stanley, Harold and Mabel Haddle, Ken Brock, Lt. Col. Don and Emily Roney, Janet Johnson, and Dorris Teague. We always pray for you, asking God's blessings for you and your family. Thank you to those who give anonymously.



**Camp Meeting Days Carry On Through Labor Day!
COMFORTABLE DRESS FAVORITE HYMNS / SONGS
GREAT SERMONS INVITE FRIENDS**



- 6 Jim Beck
- 10 Madeline Bennett
- Justin Brown
- 11 Janet Johnson
- 21 Shelby Brown
- 24 Gina Mallonee

Thank You

See the bulletin board outside Jackie's office for a very nice note from our Gideon speaker, Mr. Harold Grooms.

Thank You

*Dear Church Family,
I want to thank everyone for the prayers, food, and rides to church. I am so blessed to be a part of such sweet fellowship.*

Linda Graydon



Sympathy



Our Christian love and sympathy are expressed to David and Anne Funchess in the passing of his sister.

Children's Ministry in July



- 2: Tammi Stevenson
- 9: Susan Bass
- 16: Jackie Carney
- 23: Jackie/Tammi
- 30: Volunteer Needed



We had a great 250th Anniversary Worship Celebration!

Bro. John brought a great patriotic sermon and Reborn Harmony and Clarence Mann shined brightly in song as they performed for us.

Our Blue Ridge Lunch Bunch

**Travels to Gail's Down the Street Restaurant
On Thursday, August 27, leaving at 10:30 am.**



LUNCH ——— BUNCH

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Annual Bake-Off Sunday, August 9th at Noon
Fellowships every week in August!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August is Fellowship Month	Counting and Lock Up David Brown					
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Watermelon/Fruit Fellowship 5PM	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Annual Bake-Off Noon	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Ice Cream Fellowship 5pm	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm			Coming Up Men's Breakfast September 20 th
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Youth BBQ Lunch	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm	Lunch Bunch 10:00 AM		Coming Up Movie Under the Stars September 27 th
30	31					
Gibson Baby Shower 2pm	Visitation 7:00 pm					

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 er. Thank you, Jim, for an excellent website. It is always up to date!