

Blue Ridge

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From My Heart

August is here and it's time to stay cool, reflect a little, and get ready to fellowship at Blue Ridge (more about the fellowships later). We have had a glorious summer so far at Blue Ridge and we need to be grateful for what God has done and what He came do. Many times, in life we miss out on the greater opportunities of life because we minimize what wonderful things we have right in front of us.

Today I read an article about the television show *Davey Crockett*. Walt Disney was trying to raise money for his theme park and his tv show was how he was raising that money. He just needed to come up with some programming week to week to fill the airwaves. For three weeks in 1955 he decided to put on a show about *Davy Crockett*. Not too much was expected, fill the hour time slot, keep raking in cash for Disneyland. They were very wrong. By the end of the third episode 40 million people were watching (Today's top-rated shows only reach 3 to 4 million). Immediately there was a demand for merchandise (consisting mostly in coonskin caps and bubble gum cards) and they took in 300 million dollars which in today's world is 3.6 billion dollars. The theme show song reached number one and stayed there for five straight weeks. Three different artists did their version of the song, and everyone cracked the top ten. The show was so popular that they put the three episodes together and turned it into a movie. Even though everyone had seen it for free on tv they paid money and packed the theaters. Overnight *Davy Crockett* became our most famous American hero. Disney and company had no idea, they were just filling space on his tv show.

Too often we underestimate what we are a part of. Listen to Jesus, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth will draw all men to myself." John 12:32

We often think no one is interested in Jesus. We are so wrong, anyone who gets to hear about Jesus is interested in Him. Not everyone receives Him, but His story is the most wonderful ever told and countless people are drawn to Him. The book of Acts is filled with numbers: "3,000 were baptized", "5,000 believed", "the numbers increased rapidly", "the numbers increased daily". Why don't we see a bigger response, probably because don't take God at His word. "so my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

God promises that if we will believe His word, get excited about His word, and share his word, big things will happen. Check out Mark 10:29 and 30, "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – along with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life." Could there be sacrifices? Absolutely, but it will be worth it! Big things are just around the corner if we will just get excited about our Savior and our Family of Faith at Blue Ridge! We are half-way there; we already have a theme song written by Janet Mann!

Now about those Fellowships in August, get ready for some good eating and fun every Sunday. It starts with Watermelon and fruit on August 3, Our Annual Bake-Off on August 10, Ice Cream on August 17, and Youth and BBQ on August 24. Don't miss a Sunday!

Hope to see you on Sunday.

In His Love,

Bro. John

**BAKE OFF
COMPETITION!**
THE WINNER IS...



An All-American August at Blue Ridge



Camp Meeting Days Every Sunday

3	Watermelon and Fruit Bowl Fellowship
10	Annual Blue Ridge Bake-Off Fellowship Lunch
12	Women's Bible Study Begins
12	Ladies Crafts Night
17	Ice Cream Fellowship
21	Lunch Bunch
24	Youth BBQ Lunch
31	Labor Day Weekend
September 28	Movie Under the Stars and Cookout



Our Blue Ridge All-American August



For years our church has made the month of August a great time of fun fellowships! We begin on August 3 with a Watermelon/ Fruit Bowls Supper. Bring your favorite melons to share - a good way to cool off in our hot summers at 5:00 pm.

It's Fellowship Lunch Bake-off on August 10th, so bring your favorite Sunday Dinner main courses, vegetables and vegetable casseroles, breads, salads, and desserts for our noon meal. Everyone will vote on a paper ballot, and awards will be given to our favorites, however, everything everybody brings is always our favorite!

Bring chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, peach, Rocky Road, cones or bowls, any ice cream flavors you like. They can be homemade, or store bought. We love them all! This takes place on August 17 at 5.

August 24th brings our Youth Sweet Creek BBQ/Hotdogs Fundraiser Lunch at noon. Our BRBC Youth Family provides delicious sides and desserts.

August 31st is on the Labor Day Weekend, and we will suspend evening Bible Study for you to have a family celebration.



Our Women's Bible Study Returns August 12th

We are back! After taking most of the Summer off, Doris Brown is providing this great Bible Study for all ladies to see the war around us and teach us to suit up, stand firm, and secure victory in our lives. Doris provides the books. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am every Tuesday.

Ladies Crafts Night is August 12



Fall and Christmas are Around the Corner.... Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of every month as we enjoy making pretty things with our hands and have great fellowship as we craft. We will meet on August 12 at 6:30 pm this month. Friends and new ideas are welcome!

Our Lunch Bunch Was a Fun Time!



We had a great time and lunch at the Front Porch Grill in their new location in Millbrook. Buddy and Shirley Davis joined us-yay! Join us in August on Thursday, August 21st for a good afternoon break.



We have had a great Summer with friends at
BRBC.



Renee' Miller, Isaiah, Stella, Kacy, Brooklyn, Blake, Bonnie, Grace, Christena, Tyler, Ollie, Owen, Shelby Brown, her friend, Macy, Bro. John, and Jackie all went on this great adventure. We thank our friend who gave funds for this trip. This was a VBS Follow-up Trip, and this great Water Park is not far away.

Our Back-to-School Fellowship began with lunch at church and then a Bowling Trip to Prattville. The friendly competition ran through 3 games of fun. Everyone did great. We were happy to have Isaiah join us as his family plans to be transferred to New York! He will be back visiting with his grandparents, James and Renee' Miller. Renee' has already gone back to school for the new year! Let's all remember to pray for our children, Pre-K, Kindergarten, through High School, as they return for a year of growth in knowledge and see their friends. Pray for the teachers, administrators, all employees, and bus drivers to be under God's watch care.



Our Fellowship Meal Was a Blessing!

We enjoyed our favorite Sunday Dinner dishes and desserts after Morning Worship prepared by our BRBC cooks. We had a great time of fellowship followed by our church business meeting for our members. Jim Harris had Don Roney on screen with us. We had a good meeting.

Thank You, Friends



Our church is blessed to have many friends, church family, and former members who have re-located to other places continue to support our church with their tithes and offering. Blue Ridge has become a part of their hearts through their good memories of Worship and family here. They are remembered here with love and thankfulness for our time together. We always hope to see them again at Blue Ridge. We thank God for them and their gifts to our church ministries. Many, we don't know their names from our website private giving site and some we do: James and Jody Mallonee, Drs. Corey and Marcia Stanley, Mrs. Brenda Chambliss, Lt. Col. Don and Emily Riddle, Harold and Mabel Haddle, and Ken Brock. God bless you and keep you.



JOIN US WEDNESDAYS AT 5:00 pm
Join Us on Wednesday Nights for Prayer and Share and our Bible Study of, "The Kings".



6	Jim Beck
8	Jeffrey Mitchell
10	Madeline Bennett
	Justin Brown
11	Janet Johnson
24	Gina Mallonee
25	Caterina Elliott

August Children's Ministry



- 3: Tammi Stevenson
- 10: Susan Bass
- 17: Jackie Carney and Renee' Miller
- 24: Jackie Carney and Renee' Miller
- 31: Volunteer Needed

Attention Church Family: We need a few good men and women to volunteer in our Children's Church time (about 30 minutes max). It is a privilege and a blessing to spend time with and teach God's little ones. These children are precious to Him and to us at Blue Ridge. The Bible Story is taught on video, we have age-related worksheets they LOVE to do, we have a craft or game related to the story, we have prayer, and sometimes a snack. All these are available to you. See Jackie, Renee', Tammi, or Bro. John if you would like a monthly day to serve or a bi-monthly day in a month to serve. The blessing will be yours.



Bro. John will be preaching on the Holy Spirit in August. "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit". Be here and bring friends and relatives.



It's Back to School and Back to Sunday School and Church in August. Come Join Us!

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See how they come?

Annual Bake-Off August 10th at Noon
Youth BBQ Lunch August 24th

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THE WINNER IS...

Join us every Sunday for Worship at 11:00 AM at Blue Ridge or on YouTube!
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Camp Meeting Days Every Sunday!	Counting and Lock-up David Brown	Women's Bible returns Aug 12 at 9:00 am		Invite your friends & family to Blue Ridge!		Galatians Bible Study Sundays at 5pm
Watermelon Fellowship 5:00 pm	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm			What will you bring to the Bake-Off?
Annual Bake-Off Noon	Visitation 7:00 pm	WBS 9:00 am TOPS 5:30 pm Crafts Night 6:30	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm			Study the Kings Wednesdays at 5pm
Ice Cream Fellowship 5:00 pm	Visitation 7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study 9:00 am TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm	Lunch Bunch 10:00 am		
Youth BBQ Lunch	Visitation 7:00 pm	WBS 9:00 am TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm		Coming Up Movie Under the Stars Sept. 28	
No Evening Activities Happy Labor Day!						