

Blue Ridge

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From My Heart

Merry Christmas! I can't believe it, but the Christmas season is here. I mean the REAL Christmas season. The Christmas retail season started before Halloween was over. I always get a little creeped out when Cracker Barrel has witches' brooms right next to a fully decorated Christmas tree.

The real Christmas season begins when we start focusing on God's gift of love in a manger. I love all the trappings of Christmas. I love the lights, the trees, the gifts, the food, and all the music, both silly and serious. I love all of that, but my heart comes to life when I think about my Savior that came from Heaven to earth to save us all!

As a child my family had a lot of FUN at Christmas, and a part of that fun was celebrating the Christmas story. As a family we all participated in our church's living nativity. Mom and Dad took turns being Mary and Joseph and my sisters were angels, and I was a shepherd and hung out with real sheep. At home we put up luminaries in the front yard that symbolized lighting the way for Mary, Joseph, and the Christ Child.



Our world is a scary place, and a lot of folks are terrified about the future. What they need is the message of Christmas. They need to hear the angel proclaiming, *"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."* (Luke 2:10) The world needs to understand the truth of Christmas that, *"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

(John 3:16).

How will the world hear this message, how will their hearts be opened so they can hear this message of Good News? The answer is simple and close to home. We just need to celebrate Christmas with all our hearts. Set up your tree, put up all the decorations, buy the gifts, do that and more, but put Christ at the center of it all. Christmas is so much fun, but it is also life-changing and should change the world starting with us. Christmas should lead us to be generous, to be kind, to be joyful, to be loving. We ought to be those things all the time, but especially at Christmas as we remember God's gift of love wrapped in a baby.

As we celebrate it will open the eyes and hearts of those around us to the Good News of God's Salvation. If they see something different in us they will take notice and will agree with the Grinch as he said, *"Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas ... perhaps... means a little bit more!"* Yes, Christmas is more, a lot more, in fact it is our only hope.

There will be tons of ways to celebrate the Christmas season this year at Blue Ridge. You can buy gifts for needy families, give to our International Missionaries, set up decorations, feast with our Blue Ridge Family and your family and friends, party and fellowship, and most of all worship the Newborn King!

One last way to celebrate is to sing. As Buddy the elf said, *"The best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear."* Come join us Sunday as sing loud and begin to usher in the Christmas season.

Jackie and I love you all and are praying that you will have a glorious Christmas!

In His Love,

Bro. John



Christmas at Blue Ridge
Celebrate Christ at Christmas. He is the Reason We Celebrate!



- 7th Ladies Ornament Exchange Christmas Breakfast
- 12th Coed 1 and Friends Christmas Celebration Party
- 13th Coed 2 Christmas Celebration Party
- 14 Churchwide Christmas Dinner
- 17th Christmas Angels Gifts Deadline
- 21 Bro. John's Christmas Play, "A Country Christmas" in Morning Worship
- 21 Candlelight and Carols Service at 5 pm
- 25 Merry Christmas, Christ our Savior is Born
- 28 College and Career, Youth, and Kids Christmas Lunch and Bowling Trip- a Fun Day!



All Ladies and Girls are invited to a Ladies' Ornament Exchange Breakfast at Church Fellowship Hall
On Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 8:30 am
Come enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by Renee' Miller with wonderful Blue Ridge friends. Bring a wrapped or bagged Christmas Ornament to Exchange.



Please Join Us for our Annual Churchwide Christmas Dinner
On Sunday, December 14
At Five o'clock in the evening.
Bring your friends and family and your favorite Christmas Dinner side dishes and desserts. The Social Committee will provide the turkey and ham.

The Week of Prayer is December 7-14
 Pray for our International Missionaries and give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to support their outreach around the world.



Everyone is Invited to our Candlelight and Carols Service
Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 5:00 pm.
This is a beautiful, quiet service of celebration with special music and a Christmas message, the Lord's Supper, and sharing our light. Bring friends.

A Country Christmas



Our Blue Ridge Players Will Present Bro. John's Play he has written on December 21st.



Read the Christmas Story on Christmas Eve

Youth and Kids' Korner



Christmas Caroling And Fruit Basket Gifts

Takes place on Wednesday December 17
at 6:00 pm

All Adults, Youth and Children are Invited to bless
our Seniors at their door with Carols. We will
have hot chocolate and cookies when we return
to the church.



We will treat our Kids and Youth and Families
To a Lunch Out and a Bowling Trip
On Sunday, December 28 Right after Morning
Worship.

DECEMBER CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



7: Tammi Stevenson 14: Susan Bass
21: Tammi Stevenson 28: Jackie Carney



Merry Christmas, Sweet Friends!
Thank You for Your Prayers and Tithes and
Offerings you so faithfully send to our
church, your home church at Blue Ridge.
You make our ministries possible through
your faithful remembrance of us. We pray
for you as we thank God for you: James and
Jody Mallonee, Drs. Corey and Marcia Stanley, Mrs.
Brenda Chambliss, Harold and Mabel Huddle, Ken Brock,
and Lt. Col. Don and Emily Roney, and Dorris Teague.

Our Love and Prayers



A Special Gift and Note from the Mallonees
We just felt we needed to give this gift as the Lord has
given to us. Thank you for all you have done for our
family. Blue Ridge continues to be our home church.
Please continue to pray for Lynn.

Love you ALL, James and Jody Mallonee



A Special Gift and Note From the Roneys
We love you all and pray for you constantly!
Blessings, The Roneys



Welcome New Members

By Baptism:
Jim and Joni Musser
49 Will Ridge
Wetumpka, Alabama 36093

Happy December Birthdays



- 1 Matt Funchess
- 5 Sydney Brown Woodham
- 7 Joni Musser
- 9 Linda Graydon
- 14 Lynn Mallonee Lee
- 18 Vincent Bennett
- 20 Brenda Chambliss
- 25 Celebrate the Newborn King!
- 27 Renee Miller
- 28 John Mallonee
Tammi Stevenson
- 31 Howard Bayerle, Jr.



Christmas Angel Gifts

The deadline to turn in the gifts for our Christmas
Angel Families is Wednesday, December 17. Please
sign up for what you will give and bring your gifts
wrapped.

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

Please fill out this form if you would like to provide a
poinsettia in Memory or in Honor of someone special
to you. They will beautify the Sanctuary for this
Christmas. You may take them with you on Sunday,
December 21 after our Candlelight and Carols Service.
The cost of a large plant is \$18.00 and the small is
\$9.00.

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

How many _____ Size _____

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Christmas Dinner Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 PM
Remember to turn in your Christmas Family gifts by December 17th!



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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Counting and Lock Up Jim Harris	Visitation 7:00 pm	55 OCC Shoebboxes sent! Thank You!	Eclectic Christmas Leave at 7 pm	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Dec 7-14	Invite a friend to Christmas Dinner Dec. 14	Decorate for Christmas 9:30 am
Ladies Ornament Exchange and Breakfast 8:30	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm Ladies Crafts 6:30	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm	Turn in your Christmas Family gifts by Dec. 17.	Coed I Christmas Party at the Warf 6:30 pm	Coed II Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall.
Christmas Dinner 5:00 pm	Visitation 7:00 pm		Christmas Caroling 6:00 pm			
Christmas Play Candlelight & Carols 5 pm		TOPS 5:30 pm		Merry Christmas Christ is born!		
Youth & Kids go Bowling	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm		Happy New Year!		Coming Up The Armor of God Bible Study resumes in Jan.

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!