

# Blue Ridge

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## From My Heart

**F**ebruary is the love month. When I was growing up February meant valentines and those shoeboxes that were all decorated up in hopes they would be jam-packed with love notes. The best of those valentines came with some small candy attached. We all know that February is also a time of disappointment and heart aches. Charlie Brown never did get a valentine from that little red-haired girl and many us gave a lot more valentines than we ever got.

As we think about love, there is one amazing thought. In all the universe the one who has had their heart broken most of all is our Heavenly Father. In the book of **Hosea** there is a strange love story between **Hosea** and **Gomer**. If you grew up when I did, the only Gomer you know of is a Private in the United States Marine Corps, but this Gomer is a woman and not a very nice woman. God told Hosea to marry Gomer because He was going to give the people of Isreal an illustration of what happens when you are unfaithful to God.

God told Hosea to marry an unfaithful woman because Isreal was unfaithful. Hosea married her and soon they had three children. In short order she got tired of being a wife and mother and ran off into the arms of another man. This was a picture of what Isreal continued to do all through their history. No matter how many times God rescued, forgave, and restored, Isreal in short order they too would give their hearts and devotion to some pagan idol and run away from the One true God who truly loved them.

In Hosea chapter three God told Hosea to go get his unfaithful wife. "**Go show love to your wife again.**" (Hosea 3:1) Hosea bought her back at a price and as God commanded promised to restore her and love her for the rest of her days.

He made the same promise to the people of Isreal; he promised to restore them and to lovingly care for them again.

In **Luke chapter 15** Jesus tells a story we all know about the Prodigal Son. Here was a boy in a great family who had no problem in breaking his father's heart and running off with his inheritance never to return again. The rest of the story is where we see that life without the Father is pretty terrible. Every one of us has ended up in the pig pen from time to time. The rest of the story is where we get a picture of the Father's love for us which is never ending.

During the Love Month it would be good for us to reflect on the fact that there is not a one of us who has not broken our Heavenly Father's heart. It also is a good time to rejoice in the fact that there is not one of us who cannot be forgiven by the One we have hurt.

In light of His love, February is **Outreach Month** because nothing would make our Heavenly Father happier than for us to share the Good News. The truth is the best valentine you can give anyone is the message of God's unconditional love.

February should be a lot of fun at Blue Ridge! We will have our Fellowship Lunch on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and our Youth BBQ Lunch and Talent Show on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Be planning your talent right now for the 22<sup>nd</sup>! The Talent Show is always a memorable event so don't miss it.

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

In His Love,

*Bro. John*



# *"Love One Another As I Have Loved You "*

## *Our Fellowships in February*

1	<i>Outreach Month Begins</i>
8	<i>Monthly Fellowship Lunch</i>
10	<i>Ladies Crafts Night Out</i>
19	<i>Lunch Bunch</i>
22	<i>Youth/Children Valentine Lunch and Talent Show- Blue Ridge Has Talent!</i>



**It's Church Directory Time!**

This year we will add a picture page to our address directory. This directory will not be placed online, and not on our website. We ask that no one post a picture of anyone outside their own family on-line. This will protect everyone's privacy and avoid lawsuits. Our own Joni Musser, a professional photographer, will photograph everyone who desires to be photographed on February 1 after Morning Worship. She will be set up in the Fellowship Hall on the stage. We appreciate her volunteering for this service for us. If you would rather, you may e-mail your own picture of your family to [jackiecarney@elmore.rr.com](mailto:jackiecarney@elmore.rr.com) and it will be placed in the directory. There is no charge. Remember your out-of-town family members- at college, those re-located to another city, or those not available on these dates, who are still members. Send in their photos to be included. We would like to include all who regularly worship with us, but who are not members yet, as well.

### **February is Outreach Month!**



It's time to reach out to our church family and prospects, visitors, absentees, and those you want to invite join us in Sunday School and church.

We have postcards and our new Directories available on the table at the back of the church. Let people know you enjoy being in BRBC Family.



#### **By Baptism:**

**Grace Campos**  
283 Azaleawood  
Wetumpka, Alabama 36093  
334-819-0094



Grace will be baptized on February 15, 2026.

#### **By Letter:**

**Adam and Mary Ryals**  
355 Hazel Green Drive  
Wetumpka, Alabama 36093  
334-799-8457



#### **Welcome to Sunday School- Come Join Us!**

<b>Jim and Joni Musser</b>	<b>Coed I-Bro. John</b>
<b>Bonnie Ryals</b>	<b>Coed I</b>
<b>Donna Chritzberg</b>	<b>Coed I</b>
<b>Chloe Whaley</b>	<b>Coed I</b>
<b>Adam Ryals</b>	<b>Coed I</b>
<b>Mary Ryals, Teacher</b>	<b>Children</b>
<b>Axton Higgins</b>	<b>Children</b>
<b>Owen Aldridge</b>	<b>Preschool</b>



## February Talent Show Coming February 22



Everyone bring your friend, spouse, girl or boyfriend, friends, family, and neighbors for a delicious lunch prepared by our Youth Family on Sunday, February 22. We invite you to share a talent with us- singing, pantomiming, instruments, humor in jokes or skits, playing spoons, poetry reciting, riddles, a collection you have, or anything you check out with Bro. John. We hope to have Clarence Mann and Reborn Harmony singing. Pray for Susan Bass as she recovers. This is a Youth/Kids Fundraiser so lunch will be delicious and the atmosphere will be a lot of fun. Bro. John and Jackie will have a game show for us. Sign up Today!



## February Children's Ministry

1: Tammi Stevenson

8: Susan Bass

15: Tammi Stevenson

22: Jackie Carney

Renee' Miller and Mary Ryals are great assistants!



3	Kenneth Owen
5	Avery Roney
7	Rocky Aldridge
12	Morgan Brown Enenberger
	Marilyn McGrady
17	Ollie Aldridge
25	Susan Hansen
29	Susan Bass



*"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you."*

*1 Thessalonians 3:12*

## Our February Fellowship Lunch



February 8 is our monthly Fellowship Lunch. Bring your favorite Sunday Dinner dishes and desserts to share and enjoy good fun, food, and fellowship!

**we appreciate you**

Thank You, Sweet Friends

It's love month at church and we want to thank our special friends from around the country and state for sharing your love and support for your church at Blue Ridge. Your prayers and gifts through your tithes and offerings have kept our church serving our Lord through the years. We always thank God for you: *James and Jody Mallonee, Drs. Corey and Marcia Stanley, Harold and Mabel Haddle, Ken Brock, and Lt. Col. Don and Emily Roney, Janet Johnson, and Dorris Teague.*

We thank a neighbor gentleman who has given a very generous financial gift to our youth and children this year and last year as well. Sir, you make wonderful events possible for our young people.

We thank an anonymous neighbor who gave new swings to our playground. They look so nice and the kids really enjoy swinging. Thank you to Jim Harris for giving a swing as well.



Thank You, Susan Hansen

We really thank Susan for keeping our contribution records for our church family. Susan keeps our records accurately and confidentially. Please call on her if you have any questions.



Did You Know?



We have two Prayer and Share times each week at our church. You may join us on Sundays at 5:00 pm or on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm. If you cannot be there, please share your prayer requests with Bro. John and we will pray for you and yours.

We have a Prayer Room behind the Sanctuary piano where you can go to pray at any time.

"Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people. A heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that NEVER loses faith in God."

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**Youth BBQ Lunch and Talent Show January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Fellowship Lunch January 8<sup>th</sup>**



Join us every Sunday for Worship at 11:00 AM at Blue Ridge or on YouTube!  
 Go to our Website [www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net](http://www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net) and click on the link.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Outreach Month</b>	Counting and Lock Up David Brown	TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm	Send an encouraging note!	Invite a friend to Church!	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Fellowship Lunch</b>	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm Ladies Crafts 6:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm			<b>What Talent will you share on February 22<sup>nd</sup>?</b>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>Sunday Bible Study at 5:00</b>	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm	Lunch Bunch 10:00 am		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Youth BBQ Lunch and Talent Show</b>	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm			

HI!

Visit us at [www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net](http://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!