

Blue Ridge

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

From My Heart

Happy 250th Birthday to the United States of America! We will have a **BIG** celebration this Sunday, July 5th at 11:00 AM featuring *Reborn Harmony and Clarence Mann*. Should we celebrate our nation? You bet we should because we live in the greatest nation in the world! But our nation is not perfect, and it never has been. True, we are all flawed, every nation is, but our nation is built on the perfect Word of God.

The greatest influence on our Declaration of Independence was the Bible. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." That all comes from God's Word: we are all created in God's image and have worth (Genesis 1:27) and God's desire for us is liberty (Galatians 5:1). Our Constitution moves our nation to a "more perfect union" because it is built on God's Word which always moves us to be less like our sinful selves and more like our Savior.

Don't let people lie to you, our nation is built on Christian principles. John Adams said, "Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people." Benjamin Franklin said, "Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom." The great French writer Alexis de Tocqueville after investigating our new democracy said that liberty would last as long as our faith lasted. Since our nation is built upon God's Word when we have stayed true to our principles our nation has done what no nation has ever done. We have lifted more people out of poverty, we have given more freedom to more people, we have allowed people to

build businesses, to create and discover, to go to the moon, to save the world not once, but twice, and ended slavery by spilling its own blood. It has not always been easy, simple, or quick, but as long as we stay true to our principles our nation has moved forward and blessed everyone willing to become a citizen. One thing I love about America is that if you become a citizen, you are an American with just as much rights as any American. My relatives left Ireland around the turn of the century and ended up in Oklahoma. My Great Grandfather was on the Constitutional Convention of Oklahoma. He was never an Irish American; he was always an American and that is true of every American Citizen. Nobody cares where you came from, all that matters is what you do with your freedom and people long to come here more than they want to go anywhere else!

One great freedom we have here that most countries do not have is to disagree, to speak our mind, and to even protest. While that is true, I think it is important to hold people to the truth. We have been told many lies. Years ago, I enjoyed watching a TV show named MASH. It was funny and sometimes touching. As time went by, I also felt the message it shared was that the War in Korea was a waste of lives. It was an ugly war and costly (Jackie lost her uncle in the Korean War.), but it mattered. Every morning nearly 52 million people wake up in freedom because of the sacrifice of our country. What is also true is that our nation has never prospered because of our military might, in fact we often rebuild and restore those we have beaten in battle.

One last thought: our nation is the most generous nation on the planet, and I don't just mean the government, I mean the individual people (Check out our International Mission Board and Samaritan's Purse). We have also sent the Good News of Jesus Christ to all corners of the world.

*Jackie and I love you all and are
praying for you. See you on our 250
Celebration Sunday!*

In His Love,
Bro. John

Youth VBS is Coming!

**Wednesdays in July
6:30 pm**



Experience the Joy at Blue Ridge in July 2026 Camp Meeting Days

- 1st Youth VBS Kick-off**
- 5th 250 Celebration Service**
- 12th Monthly Fellowship Lunch/Quarterly Business Meeting**
- 12th Gideon Speaker**
- 14th Ladies Crafts Night**
- 23rd Lunch Bunch**
- 26 Youth Lunch**

Join Us for the 250th Celebration July 5, 2026

At Blue Ridge Morning Worship, 11:00 am

Reborn Harmony and *Clarence Mann* will
present great music!
Bro. John will lead us in the Pledge,
In Prayer,
And a Patriotic Sermon!
Don't Miss this Historic Celebration!
Invite your friends, family, and military
friends.

Youth VBS Begins Wednesday, July 1st
and every Wednesday in July.

Join Us at 6:30
For Fun, Food, Games, Friends, and
Learning about Jesus!

Our Monthly Fellowship Lunch is
Sunday, July 12.



Bring your favorite Sunday Dinner main
dishes, sides, and desserts to share.



**If you haven't heard, the Lord blessed us
with a fantastic VBS!**

We thank our Lord for you-all who served! We felt His Spirit each night as we grew and grew. We doubled in size with Learners by the end Of VBS on Thursday night. Each child is precious in His sight and they sure were to us. Each leader answered the call to come and serve and were faithful all week. The children loved their teachers as they learned about our Precious Lord and Savior. The stories were great. Our Evangelism Night, Wednesday was incredible for our eyes to see! Bro. John drew out the plan of salvation in a simple way for each child to understand God's amazing plan to save us and have us enter His Kingdom of followers. A dozen children prayed to receive Christ! PTL! Bro. John has followed up on 3 of them and will reach out to the rest. Axton Higgins has walked our aisle to profess his faith and will be baptized on the 19th! Please continue to pray for our 30 Learners and 32 BRBC Adult VBS Leaders and Teachers. We love our church family who serve and pray for our VBS every year. There is a place for you next year and you will receive the blessing of serving.



GIDEONS
INTERNATIONAL



We welcome a Gideon Speaker to share a testimony with us on Sunday, July 12th during Morning Worship. Many lives have been changed, and many lives have been saved through the Bibles they place in public places. Come and hear!



Kids/Youth News and Views



Here we are at Mid-Summer! We had a great VBS in June seeing lots of friends, learning about Jesus, learning a Musical, making crafts, and enjoying cute, delicious snacks. Now in July, we will have some fun week-day activities you will enjoy!

Watch the mail for information and invite your friends. How does water rafting sound? How about bowling? How about the Great Wolf Lodge? Let us know about other interests you have.

We are here for you!

We are fundraising for our Winter Bible Conference in Gatlinburg. You will be there with thousands of other Youth for a great weekend experience! Great speakers and great bands will be there for you.

Praise the Lord!

Our Axton Higgins received Christ as his Savior and Lord at VBS! He will soon be baptized as we welcome him into our church family, officially! Axton will enter 3rd Grade in August.

Welcome New Member



Axton Higgins
Riverside Avenue
Tallahassee, Alabama 36078

Baptism Service on Sunday, July 19, 2026 for Axton

From the Family of Doris Brown

Dear Blue Ridge Family,

We are overcome with gratitude for the outpouring of love and prayers for Doris during her illness, and for us since her passing. The meal was delicious and the celebration of Doris' life was beautiful. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you. We are blessed to call you all FAMILY.

Love,
David and Amy and entire
Doris Brown family



Thank You, Friends

We always thank God for you and your caring hearts for our church, your church home in Blue Ridge. You are so faithful in remembering us as you share your tithes and offerings. Thank you, 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.

A Great Time Coming in August!



August 2
August 9
August 16
August 30

Watermelon, Cantaloupe, etc. Supper
Church Bake-off and Fellowship Lunch
Ice Cream Supper-bring your favorite
Pre-Labor Day Weekend



We ask Your Prayers and Help!

Our Pastorium is over 60 years old, and we recently had a leak from an aged-out pipe from the main bathroom onto the master bedroom carpet, spreading throughout the carpet in the house. The bathroom had to be completely renovated, floor to ceiling and all fixtures in there replaced. The flooring had to be replaced throughout the house. A pod had to be rented to remove all furnishings from the house. The church insurance covered very little of the costs due to the cause being old age deterioration. We are accepting donations from our friends and family to help cover the costs. If you would like to make a donation to cover the cost of repairs, please make your check payable to Blue Ridge Baptist Church and designate it to Pastorium Repairs or if you prefer to give on-line for Pastorium Repairs via our Website, select "Building Fund, Blue Ridge, Wetumpka". Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Happy Birthdays in July



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| 1 | Jim Musser |
| | Kenny Wilkerson |
| 2 | Ann Funchess |
| 3 | Buddy Davis |
| 7 | Owen Sereneck |
| 9 | Jody Mallonee |
| | Henry Blake |
| 10 | Lorrie Sereneck |
| 14 | Brooke Riddle Mistrot |
| 17 | David Funchess |
| 27 | Shelly Bennett |
| 29 | James Miller |
| 31 | Trent and Tyler Aldridge |

Children's Ministry in July



5: Tammi Stevenson
19: Jackie Carney

12: Susan Bass
26: Jackie/Tammi



Camp Meeting Days Continue ♥

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Independence Celebration Sunday July 5th at 11:00
Youth VBS Wednesdays in July at 6:30



Join us every Sunday for Worship at 11: 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.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Youth VBS Wednesdays in July at 6:30	Counting and Lock Up David Funchess		Prayer & Share 5:00 Youth VBS 6:30			Independence Day Happy 250th!
Independence Celebration 11:00		TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 Youth VBS 6:30			Gideon Testimony July 12th
Fellowship Lunch/Quarterly Business Meeting	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 Youth VBS 6:30			
Axton's Baptism	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 Youth VBS 6:30	Lunch Bunch 10:00 am		
Youth BBQ Lunch	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 Youth VBS 6:30			Coming Up Fellowships in August!



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!