

BLUE RIDGE

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From My Heart

Anniversary Sunday is May 3rd!

This year we will be celebrating our 61st Anniversary. Last year we did it up BIG Time for our 60th. We had a huge crowd and folks drove hundreds of miles to attend. It was glorious, but what will we do for an encore?

Well, to begin with the **FOOD** will be amazing! This year not only will we have ham (Thanks Tammi and Shirley.) and Fried Turkey (Word has it that Jim has hunted down 5 turkeys.), but this year we will also have smoked Boston Butt (Thanks Jim Musser.) along with the best sides this side of the Mississippi. Our **MUSIC** will as usual be awesome with Reborn Harmony (Thanks Susan, Dan, and Buddy.) and Clarence and Janet Mann (Rumor has it that they will sing a duet together.) and several other surprises. It will be another great time of fellowship, food, thanking God for his good gifts and looking to the future.

Sometimes when you come to Anniversaries you wonder what does the future hold and will the days be brighter ahead or are things going to slow down. I thought it might be a good time to look at what God is doing.

Let's start with VBS, over the years many things have changed, but VBS has remained constant at Blue Ridge. All our VBS efforts have been fantastic and meaningful, but last year's was very special. We had a huge crowd with 40 kids and 40 workers (We needed every worker!). We impacted a lot of lives and made new friends and met many new families. We are praying **VBS 2026 Illumination Station** will be even Bigger and Better! Please come and join the VBS Team (Our first meeting is on May 17th.)

As the year moved on special things kept happening. We had a great Movie

Under the Stars and a Big Fall Festival. We sent flyers into our community for both events. When Jim and Joni Musser received the first invitation they were interested, but when they got the second they felt the calling of God and showed up at Blue Ridge. Just before Christmas both declared their faith in Christ through baptism. Soon after Grace Campos declared her faith in Christ and on the same Sunday Adam and Mary Ryals felt the call to join our Fellowship. Not long after that at a Fellowship Lunch I got to meet with the Brown's and Shelby prayed to receive Christ. Stephen and Tara felt led to join the church and within a few weeks Grace and Shelby were baptized on the same Sunday. In the new year we had the joy of having Donna Chrietzberg began to attend and in short order Donna and her daughter Chloe joined our fellowship too (They also brought younger brother Axton.). One more thing, over the years I have taught a Sunday School Class. The numbers in the class have been small (I appreciate everyone who has come!), but I have always prayed for growth. The year started with 2 or 3 every Sunday, but now we have 7 to 9 every Sunday. It may sound small, but it is a miracle to me. Other wonderful things have happened too. The Ladies Bible Study that Doris started reached 18 to 20 each week and although it is paused it is still impacting us every Sunday by the presence of Nicky and Marie who started coming to Bible Study and now come to Blue Ridge.

I could go on and on, God is working among us in big and small ways every week! Everything is looking Bright and I can't wait to see what is ahead!

Jackie and I love you all and are praying for you. See you on Anniversary Sunday!

In His Love,

Bro. John

VBS is Coming!

June 7-11

6:30 to 8:30 Nightly





**The Amazing 61st Anniversary Celebration of
Blue Ridge Baptist Church
Is May 3, 2026**

We will have many pictures and documents from the present and past , great music by Reborn Harmony, Clarence and Janet Mann, Greg Lott, and Robert Wynn. Rev. Steve Rogers will share his memories, and Bro. John will bring a challenging message.

We will then share our Anniversary Sunday Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a great day in the Lord as we thank Him for 61 years of service and love in our fellowship!

******Remember to bring your favorite Sunday Dinner dishes and desserts on May 3rd for our lunch. Turkey, Ham, and Smoked BBQ are provided.***

A Marvelous Month of May is Ahead



Celebrate



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| 3rd | 61st Anniversary of Our Church |
| 10th | Mother's Day Celebration |
| 17th | VBS Planning Meeting |
| 24th | Memorial Day Service and Youth Fundraiser Sweet Creek BBQ Lunch |

Remember...

Our Mother's Day Service is May 10



Bring your Wives, Mothers, Grandmothers, and ladies special to you to our Morning Worship on the 10th. Bro. John will share a great message for them and the church will have a nice gift for them.



Remember...

Our Memorial Day Service is May 24



We will sing patriotic hymns and have special music, along with Bro. John's message. You may bring pictures and memorabilia to place on the tables up in front of the Sanctuary. We thank all our veterans for their service in our wars over the years. We pray for Evan Musser and Liam Bass as they actively serve now.

Welcome New Members



By Letter:
Donna Chrietzberg
522 Riverside Avenue
Tallassee, Alabama 36078

Chloe Whaley
522 Riverside Drive
Tallassee, Alabama 36078

And Axton, Donna's son.



Easter Lilies for Our Sanctuary

Thank you to all who gave Easter Lilies to beautify our Sanctuary for Easter Given in Memory of:

Cheryl Lynn, their daughter by Jim and Barbara Harris

Her parents by JoAnn Woodfin

Gary Ryals, her husband by Bonnie Ryals

Eugene Peters, Sr. by Jim and Joni Musser

John and Rose Musser by Jim and Joni Musser

Bonnie and Aubrey Horn by Wendy Aldridge

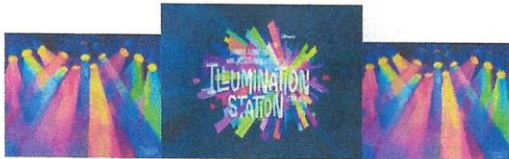
Annie and Eric Aldridge by Wendy Aldridge

Dee Blake, her Mother by Donna Chrietzberg, Chloe, and Axton

Our parents and family by Bro. John and Jackie Carney

Given in Honor of:

Wyatt Lott by Bro. John and Jackie



**Vacation Bible School 2026 Is
June 7-11, 2026, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Pray for our VBS and all those who will serve as Summer missionaries in our school. Pray for the children who will come and for their families as they bring their children to learn about our Savior Jesus!

See our sign-up sheet in the office hallway to see and pray about where you can serve and receive the blessings our Lord pours out.

Come to our Planning Meeting on May 17 at 3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



- 1 Jayme Mallonee Mercer
- 5 Hannah Greenshields
- 8 Gracie Briggum
- 9 Kristina Mallette
- 10 Susan Owen
Morgan Carney Lott
- 11 Wendy Chambliss Stern
Stephen Brown
- 24 Linda Jones
- 26 Makinsey Parker
- 27 Don Jones
Theresa Hill
- 28 Brittany Hill



Thank You, Sweet Friends

Our Church Family wants to thank our special friends around the country who never forget us here at their home church in Wetumpka. They share their tithes and offerings with us regularly. We thank them for remembering us in prayer, as well, as we seek to minister to our community and beyond. 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.

Congratulations

Emily and Tanner Golden

Just Married

Saturday, April 25, 2026

May God bless you as you begin your new life together in Holy Matrimony.



Children's Ministry in May



- 3: Tammi Stevenson
- 10: Susan Bass
- 17: Tammi Stevenson
- 24: Jackie Carney
- 31: Volunteers Needed

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**6th Anniversary Celebration Sunday May 3rd Mother's Day Service Sunday May 10th
 VBS Meeting Sunday May 17th Memorial Day Service Sunday May 24th**



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
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Happy 61st Birthday Blue Ridge!	Counting and Lock Up David Brown					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Anniversary Celebration and Lunch	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Memorial Day Service BBQ Lunch	Memorial Day	TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm		VBS June 7-11 	Coming Up Father's Day June 21 Brown Baby Shower June 27
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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 gather. Thank you, Jim, for an excellent website. It is always up to date!