

Blue Ridge

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From My Heart

November is a great time to give thanks. I am reminded of **Philippians 1:3-5** where Paul says, *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."*

Paul found great joy in giving thanks for those who partnered with him in sharing the Gospel and so do I. A good friend of mine invited me to partner with him in sharing the Gospel, his name is Dave Williams. Dave and I were buddies for as long as I can remember and we were in the same grade. In our 9th grade year our church began a bus ministry. Our pastor shared the vision and Dave caught that vision. In his heart he wanted to be a Bus Captain. He envisioned God doing mighty things through him, but he had a problem, they wanted adults leading the ministry not 9th graders. Dave would not be deterred, so he prayed and he pleaded with our pastor to give him a chance and he did.

Somewhere in my library is a picture of the beginning of our bus ministry at Hoffmantown Baptist Church. In that picture are all the Bus Captains (We had four buses) and volunteers. In that picture were lawyers, PhD's, men and women who were pillars of the church and my buddy Dave. Dave's vision had come true, but what would he do with that opportunity?

Being a Bus Captain meant that you rode that bus every Sunday morning to pick up kids (We left at 7:30 AM) and to return those kids after church. The responsibility went far beyond that; it involved contacting all those kids every week before Sunday. Every Saturday, Dave hit the trail and visited all his bus riders, but before you could do that you had to find riders. Countless hours were

spent walking neighborhoods, apartment complexes, trailer parks, and playgrounds looking for kids. Once we made contact, we had to talk with their folks and win them over. We were always looking for more kids. Along the way we also found adults who wanted to ride the bus, even famous ones (ask me sometime.). Dave also recruited all the workers on our bus, which was much more than me. Another fellow named Gary stepped up and so did a dozen other teenagers.

What was the result of all this hard work? Dave's bus was one of the best, always picking up between 20 to 30 kids every Sunday. Over the years, Dave not only ministered to kids, but also their families, he knew them and cared for them and prayed for them. He also got to see a lot of those come to know Christ as Savior. How long was Dave a Bus Captain, until he went away for college. That means for four years Dave ran his bus, for four years he spent every Saturday pounding the pavement for Jesus, that means he found and brought hundreds of kids to church. **One last thought, when his time was done, he was the only Bus Captain from that original crew still serving.**

I am grateful to Dave, and I am thankful he asked me along for the ride. He is a picture of what happens when God calls you to step up and you do, and you hang in there. Some day in Heaven Dave is going to drive that bus again and pick up all his bus riders and it is going to be a mighty BIG Bus!

I am thankful to be partnering with all of you at Blue Ridge to get out the Good News and Looking for Great things at Blue Ridge in November.

In His Love,

Bro. John



Hoffmantown and Dave's Yellow School Bus



Welcome November with a Grateful Heart



"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever" Psalm 118:1

November Events

- 2 Fall Back in Time! Time Change at 2:00 am
- 4 Vote at Blue Ridge
- 9 Our Veterans' Day Service
- 11 Ladies Night Out for Crafts
- 16 Come Together for a Church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner
- 20 Our Lunch Bunch Trip
- 30 Youth Sweet Creek BBQ Fundraiser



Sleep and Time Change on December 2



Our Social Committee Meets at 4:30 on the 2nd.



Welcome to Blue Ridge if We are Your Place to Vote!



Veteran's Day Is November 11

Our Veteran's Day Service is November 9th

Be here with your red, white, and blue!



Ladies Craft Night



Ladies Craft Night Out
Is Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 pm.
Friends, Conversation, Fun, Crafts
Everyone is invited!

GIVE THANKS

to Him and praise His name.

PSALM 100:4

You are invited to join us for
Our Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner

On Sunday, November 16 at 5:00 pm

The church will provide the turkey and ham.
Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dishes
and desserts to share with everyone.

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry

It's that wonderful time of year when we gather gifts that fit into a simple shoebox and fill the hearts of children around the world with Jesus' and our love. Shoeboxes are available in the glass hallway and if you can, enclose \$10.00 for handling and shipping around the world. Some give only postage money to cover that expense, so don't let that stop you from giving shoeboxes. You will light up the hearts and lives of the little ones who receive your gift. Some people like to give plastic shoeboxes. Everything you need is available on the Christmas table. You may give as many boxes as you like. See the do's and don'ts for gifts in the brochures.





Lunch Bunch on the Go



Thursday, November 20 at 10:00

We will go to Jemison, Alabama to visit "Petals From the Past", a nursery garden center opened in 1994 that specializes in antique roses, heirloom shrubs and hard to find perennial flowers, and herbs with guided tours offered. We will stop for lunch in Clanton. Everyone may join us in the church van or you may take your own vehicle. Pre-Paid Reservations are \$5.00 for each person.



Youth News and Views



Everyone join us for a
Youth BBQ Fundraiser Lunch
On Sunday, November 30



Your donations will go toward paying the expenses of Youth/Children camps and activities. We appreciate your prayer support and your financial contributions.



KID'S KORNER

We have a bowling trip planned for November 30 after the Youth Fundraiser Lunch. Parents are invited to go. We will take the van, or you may drive your own vehicle to Prattville Bama Lanes.



Children's Ministry in November

2: Tammi Stevenson 9: Susan Bass
16: Tammi Stevenson 23: Jackie Carney
30: Volunteer Needed



November Birthdays

5 Emily Roney
6 Donna Parker
15 Scott Stevenson
16 Jackie Carney
23 Tim Pemberton
Jerome Cannon

BLUE RIDGE MISSIONS

Fall Is Here! Winter is On the Way!



It's Closet and Drawer Cleaning Time for the cooler months and choosing clothing you can share with those in need. Coats, Socks, Shoes, Cold weather clothing for men, women, and children are needed by those who cannot afford to provide for their family. Also, please bring food items for the Food Pantry.



Thank You, Friends

We thank our special friends from God who faithfully remember their church here at Blue Ridge with their gifts and tithes and offerings. You help keep our many ministries going! Thank you to James and Jody Mullonee, Drs. Corey and Marcia Stanley, Mrs. Brenda Chambliss, Harold and Mabel Haddle, Ken Brock, and Lt. Col. Don and Emily Roney, and Dorris Teague. We thank God for you and keep you in our prayers.

Thank you to Henry and Dee Blake for their very generous gift to our AC/Heating Fund.

Thank you, James and Jody Mullonee for giving a very generous offering they felt led to share with us, their home church. Please continue to remember their daughter, Lynn and family in your prayers.



Joy of Giving Thank You



October was a great month with many people giving to our church supply list. You have been incredibly generous! Above all, you gave joyfully and cheerfully to help fill our supply closets. John and Linda Majors gave supplies for every area of the church. Adam and Mary Ryals gave a lot of supplies on Fall Festival Day.

Many others gave anonymously by simply placing items in the Fellowship Hall tables during the month. This saves the church money and those who give receive a big blessing by answering the call to share. We thank David Miller for cleaning the front parking lot of the dirt that settles around the drain. He then painted the black wrought iron rails we hold on to coming up the steps and the rails at the back doorsteps. We really appreciate you, David, for your time, talents, and finances. The front looked it's best for our company at Fall Festival.

Thank You from Bro. John

Dear Church Family,

Jackie and I want to thank you for your many ways of showing your appreciation for us. I count it pure joy and a blessing to serve alongside each one of you. I will treasure your gifts, cards, and words of appreciation forever.

Our love and prayers for you, Bro. John

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Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 16th at 5:00 PM
Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 1st!



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 David Brown		The Armor of God Bible Study resumes in Jan.		Invite your friends & family to Blue Ridge!	Move your clocks back one hour on Sat. night Nov. 1.	Start packing your OCC Shoeboxes!
Galatians Bible Study Sundays at 5pm	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm			Invite a friend to Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 16.
	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm Ladies' Crafts 6:30	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm		Bring your OCC Shoeboxes to church Nov. 16.	Study the Kings Wednesdays at 5pm
Thanksgiving Dinner 5 PM	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm			
Youth & Kids go Bowling Nov. 30	Visitation 7:00 pm	TOPS 5:30 pm		Happy Thanksgiving		Coming Up Eclectic Christmas December 3 rd
Youth BBQ Lunch Youth Bowling						

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!