

Blue Ridge

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

From My Heart

Fall is here! It fell in Alabama last Wednesday at 8:00 PM. What does that mean in Alabama, usually nothing. Sometimes we can have summer until almost November. This year was a little different. On Thursday morning we took our Lunch Bunch up to Lake Martin to eat at Kowaliga Restaurant (Like the Hank Williams song.). As we arrived there was a cool breeze blowing off the lake. Some wanted to eat outside, but it was too cool. It was refreshing!

I love all seasons of the year. I enjoy the winter when you bundle up every morning, I like it in the spring when everything comes back to life. Unlike many I really like the heat of summer and the sunshine, but there is something special about fall. You wake up one morning and the weather is still warm, but there is a change in the air and it feels good. The leaves begin to fall, pumpkins start showing up everywhere, and it feels good to be outside.

God created our world and He is the one who designed the seasons which are not only good for the earth, but for us too, God also knows that we need a time of change in our spiritual lives too. After Peter healed a lame beggar he spoke to the gathered crowd and said this, *"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."* (Acts 3:19)

A couple of other verses come to mind when I think of a refreshing breeze. In John 3:8 Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit as a *"wind blowing wherever it pleases"*. In Acts 2:2 the Holy Spirit which gives boldness to share the Good News is described as a *"violent wind"*. In Genesis 2:7 it says God, *"breathed into his nostrils the breath of life"*. In the Old Testament the word is *Ruach* and in the New Testament it is the word

Pneuma, but it means the same thing: new life, spiritual life, renewal, and empowerment.

A couple of things are true, most people are ready for a change of seasons and cooler weather, but even more folks are ready for a change in their lives. They long for the refreshing breeze that only God can blow into our lives. In the New Testament it was someone like Zaccheus who was rich and had power but couldn't find a friend. Today, it is probably your neighbor who looks like they have it all together but are longing for a fresh start. Our world needs the cool refreshing breeze of the Gospel. Remember one simple truth: we have the answer to what the world needs and His name is Jesus.

Fall promises many opportunities to experience the fresh wind of God. There will be great opportunities for worship and fellowship. Don't miss a single Sunday because God is at work at Blue Ridge!

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

In His Love,
Bro. John

Movie Under the Stars
was Fantastic! Thank you to everyone who helped.



Sunday, October 18th
4:00 – 6:00 PM

**Inflatables, Trunk or Treat,
and a Cookout!**
Invite your neighbors!



Opportunities at Blue Ridge in October



- 4 Pastor Appreciation Month Begins in SBC**
- 11 Monthly Lunch Bunch and Business Meeting**
- 13 Ladies Crafts Night**
- 18 Blue Ridge Trunk or Treat-sign up now!**
- 22 Lunch Bunch Gets Out**
- 25 Rain Date for Trunk or Treat**
- Youth Sweet Creek Fundraiser**



October is Pastor Appreciation Month in the Southern Baptist Convention
We love and appreciate Bro. John for so faithfully serving us, loving us, caring for us,
praying for us, and leading us to a closer walk with our Lord and Savior. Please let
him know how you appreciate him in these coming weeks

**Our October Family Fellowship Lunch
 And Business Meeting is October 11!**



**Bring your favorite Autumn Sunday
 Dinner dishes to share and enjoy a great
 time of food, fun, and fellowship.**

**We will have our quarterly Business
 Meeting for our members immediately
 following lunch.**

**Ladies Crafts Night is
 Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm**



**Renee' Miller will teach us to paint a
 beautiful pumpkin on canvas.**



**Thank you to Renee' Miller for
 preparing a big, delicious breakfast for
 our men to enjoy with Kevin Garrett as
 our guest speaker. Thank you to all our
 men who came to meet and greet him.
 and hear about our Association.**



**"Trunk or Treat"
 Halloween Outreach
 for Churches**



**Our Blue Ridge Trunk or Treat Is
 Coming! Join us on October 18 at 4:00-6:00
 for great family fun.**

**It's all free and you may enjoy a great
 hotdog/chili/chicken nugget supper with all
 the fixings. Please share your trunk,
 decorated for fun with a game or have it on
 a table behind your car. You may provide a
 game or use one the church has. Have your
 bucket or bowl of treats ready to share with
 all who come to your trunk. Dress in your
 favorite team colors, Western, or whatever
 friendly, non-scary outfit you like. Share in
 our menu above and we will all enjoy a
 great Fall Harvest of fun! Mrs. Lisa Lott and
 Mayson are preparing cakes, and other
 treats for our Annual Cake Walk. We will
 have several kinds of inflatables. Invite
 your friends, family, and neighbors. See you
 out front of the church. See the sign-up
 sheet!**

♥ A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU! ♥

**All who enter our church doors want to
 thank our anonymous donors who gave two
 air conditioners/heaters for the church glass
 hallway and to the Sanctuary hallway. These
 two areas were never built to include that in
 our front entrances. We will enjoy all-year-
 round comfort now thanks to them. It is also
 a help to our luxury vinyl floors maintenance.
 You are a blessing.**

IMPORTANT NEWS

Due to changes in the local 911 service, our church address has been changed to

*3991 Jasmine Hill Road
Wetumpka, Alabama 36093*



Our Lunch Bunch Hits the Road on October 22, 2026!

All men and women are invited to join us as we visit a new restaurant in Prattville. Please let Bro. John know how many are coming with us so he may make reservations. Join us in the van or drive your own vehicle.

Remember to start packing....



Our collection date is Sunday, November 15.

We have an OCC Ministry Table set up in the glass hallway. We have the official cardboard boxes available or many use plastic shoeboxes to keep their gifts from Jesus, through our Christian hearts, safe and dry. Many have no home to live inside. These will be their only Christmas gifts. See the guidelines from Franklin Graham on the table and feel free to take what you need.

WITH DEEPEST **Sympathy**

Our Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Marilyn McGrady and family in the passing of her sister-in-law's Mother, Marie Henderson, who recently passed away

A Note From Marilyn

Dear Church Family,

I want to express my sincere gratitude for all the prayers that I received during the loss of my Grandson, Charles Edward Gibson III, who is the brother to Kristin and Michael.

Your sister in Christ, Marilyn

In Memory of Doris Brown

Amanda and Andrew Brown gave a gift in Memory of Doris Brown. This gift had been misplaced in the Suggestion Box rather than placed in the offering plates. Thank You!

October Birthdays



- 2 Ann McGinty
- 4 Emily Riddle Golden
- 14 Jim Harris
- 22 Dan Bass
- 24 Joel Johnson
Tara Brown
- 26 JJ Cannon
- 28 Bailey Shaw
- 30 Wendy Aldridge

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IN OCTOBER



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| 4: Tammi Stevenson | 11: Susan Bass |
| 18: Jackie Carney | 25: Jackie/Tammi |



Thank You, Church Friends

Dear Friends, we love you and thank you for always remembering your church family with your tithes and offerings every month. Your thoughtfulness and generosity make a total difference for our church ministries. We always thank God for you and your part in our church family. James and Jody Mallonee, Drs. Cory and Marcia Stanley, Harold and Mabel Haddle, Ken Brock, Lt. Col. Don and Emily Roney, Janet Johnson, and Dorris Teague for always remembering our church in your prayers.



Thank You from Bro. John and Jackie

This past month we celebrated our 33rd Anniversary serving our Lord and you, our precious church family. You are such a supportive, sweet, friendly family who loves our Lord and opens your arms to each other and all who come here to worship and serve Him. We love you and thank you for sharing hugs, kind words, notes, your gifts, and prayers with us. We count it pure joy to be here with you every day.

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Fellowship Lunch and Business Meeting Sunday, October 1st
Fall Festival Sunday, October 18th 4:00 - 6:00 PM



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.
 Visit www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net and click on the **Secure Donations Page** to begin the process.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Appreciation Month	Counting and Lock Up David Funchess			1	2	3
4	5 Visitation 7:00 pm	6 TOPS 5:30 pm	7 Prayer & Share 5:00 pm	8	9	10
11 Fellowship Lunch Quarterly Business Meeting	12 Visitation 7:00 pm	13 TOPS 5:30 pm Ladies Crafts 6:30 pm	14 Prayer & Share 5:00 pm	15	16 	17 Who will you invite to Fall Festival?
18 Fall Festival 4:00-6:00 pm	19 Visitation 7:00 pm	20 TOPS 5:30 pm	21 Prayer & Share 5:00 pm	22 Lunch Bunch 10:00 am	23	24
25 Youth BBQ Lunch	26 Visitation 7:00 pm	27 TOPS 5:30 pm	28 Prayer & Share 5:00 pm	29	30	31 Coming Up Thanksgiving Dinner November 15 OCC November 18



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!