

# Blue Ridge

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## From My Heart

September is here and there is a cool breeze in the air and a lot of exciting events are on the calendar at Blue Ridge including *Back to Church Sunday* and our *Movie Under the Stars and Cookout*. My prayer is that you will join in and invite your friends and catch the excitement.

Recently I found a couple of old pictures sent to me by my cousin Bill who is a computer genius in Texas. The pictures were of me, Bill, and his older brother Park (Sparky) at our grandparents' home in Oklahoma. The pictures were very similar, but also different. After much study, I thought one picture must have been taken a year later or at least a season later. After some time, I figured it out, the pictures had been taken only one day apart. Why did we look so different? The answer is someone thought all three of us needed a haircut. *The need was so urgent that my dad was not going to wait for me to visit our barber at home and Bill and Park could not wait another 24 hours, we were getting our haircuts before the sun set.* In the second picture all three of us had substantially less hair. That was not the only time that happened to me. Once while visiting my other grandparents in California, it was decided that my hair must be cut before we could eat dinner. My hair was not even safe on the west coast.

Those pictures remind me that when you are prompted to do something you had better consider acting. This is even more true of when we are being prompted by God.

The Bible is filled with God prompting His people to get into action. God told Noah to proclaim the coming judgment and to start building the ark. God told Abraham to go to a new land that He would show him. God called Moses out of a burning bush to

demand the release of the people of Israel. God told Joshua to march around the fortified city of Jericho. After Jesus' resurrection He told His disciples to go make disciples and to baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Philip was told to go into the desert and once there told to track down a chariot and share the Good News. Saul, later Paul was told by Jesus to proclaim the Gospel to the Gentiles. God spoke to them, and they acted. Many acted like my dad; they didn't wait for the sun to go down before they got into action.

God is speaking to everyone to get into action, but unlike my dad many are not jumping into action, their gear shift is in park. Others are pretending that they have not heard His voice, or they are just turning up the distractions. As my friend Frank said, "Make hay while the sun shines!" God is very serious about us getting into action.

**Ephesians 5:16 "making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil"**

We live in an evil world, but we have a good God and He wants to get the Gospel out and to save lives and bring love to this fallen world. **God impacts the world when we get into action, so let's get busy at Blue Ridge!**



Oklahoma boys before their haircuts.

Hope to see you on Sunday.

In His Love,

Bro. John

Coming September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
Movie Under and the Stars Cookout





The question is: Which one is Brother John?

## *The Sweet Spirit at Blue Ridge in September*

"But let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious." 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:4

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ forgave you."

1 <sup>st</sup>	Labor Day
7 <sup>th</sup>	National Grandparents Day
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Crafts Night Out
14 <sup>th</sup>	Bro. John's 32 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration Our Monthly Fellowship Lunch
18 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lunch Bunch Trip
21 <sup>st</sup>	National Back to Church Sunday!
28 <sup>th</sup>	BRBC Movie Under the Stars and Cookout

**Labor Day Sunday is September 1!**



Colossians 3:23-24

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance."

**Ladies Crafts Night is Tuesday, September 9**



All ladies are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm for a night of fun and fellowship. We will paint a wooden wreath for our doors, fireplace, or as a gift for others. Bring a friend and any particular paint colors you would prefer. Jackie will have a sample wreath painted.

**Our Monthly Fellowship Meal is September 14**



Bring your favorite Autumn Sunday Dinner meats, sides, breads, and desserts to share with our sweet church family.



**The Lunch Bunch Rolls Out on September 18**  
Hop on board the church van or bring your own vehicle as we head out for a delicious lunch and fun being together.



**FREE! FREE! FREE!**

It's time for our annual outdoor family movie for the community! Look for the sign up sheet to help with this wonderful evening. We will have supper and the inflatables out in the front yard for the kids to have fun playing and get them ready for a good night's sleep.



**Our All-American August Fellowships**

For years, our church has made the month of August a great time of fun fellowships! We had Watermelon and Fruit Bowl Night, a Bake-off Fellowship Lunch, Ice Cream Night, and a Youth BBQ Lunch to enjoy and fellowship with each other.



**Congratulations to Our Bake-Off Winners!**



Our winners: Shirley Davis, Fay Milton, Linda Graydon, Tammi Stevenson, Mary Ryals, and Ollie Aldridge.

**CHURCH FRIENDS!**

**SEPTEMBER 21 IS BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY FOR OUR NATION! INVITE EVERYONE YOU KNOW WITHOUT A CHURCH HOME TO JOIN US!**





A grandparent  
is a little  
bit parent,  
a little bit  
teacher,  
and a little  
bit best friend

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



### Congratulations!

Jim and Barbara Harris celebrated their 64<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Buddy and Shirley Davis celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Praise God for these two wonderful couples who model grace and love!



### Joy of Giving

Some in our church like to help keep our church supply closets ready.

Here are some needed items if you would like to donate. The ongoing needs are bathroom tissues, Kleenex, paper towels, napkins, bleach, cleaning sprays, gloves, hand soaps, air sprays, lunch plates and utensils. Thank you for your cheerful giving, "as the Lord loves."

### Please Take a Turn to Bless Your Heart with Kids



We have some new children in the nursery and younger children's departments. We thank God for them and pray for even more. We need helpers and you may serve every Sunday or one or two Sundays every month in Children's Church. This amounts to only 20-30 minutes. We need a teacher for younger or older Sunday School because our older children are getting older and have different lessons. That is 10:00-10:45. We have Sunday School and then Children's Church. Please pray and ask our Lord where you can serve and receive this blessing of bringing His little ones unto Him. Our story each week is presented on video and activity sheets are provided to help them remember the story.



Welcome to Sunday School/Children's Church  
Owen Aldridge Nursery  
Izzy Specht 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Heide Campos Coed II  
Joanna Moore Coed II



- 1 Jon Jon Lowry
- 2 Wyatt Lott
- 7 Owen Serenock
- 8 Nathan Bennett
- Kelly Tyler Manni
- Evelyn Roney
- 11 Jeff Singleton
- 16 Katie Bennett
- 26 Don Patrick Roney

### Thank You, Dear Friends

We always thank God for our dear friends who always remember our church with their tithes and offerings. They make all the difference in our abilities to serve and minister to our church family and to our community. We ask the Lord to let us be a shining light to all who see and hear about us. Some give anonymously online and some we know: James and Jody Mallonee, Drs. Corey and Marcia Stanley, Mrs. Brenda Chambliss, Lt. Col. Don and Emily Riddle, Harold and Mabel Haddle, Ken Brock, and Janet Johnson. God bless you and keep you as He returns these blessings to your lives.

### Thank You!

We thank Dee and Henry for the generous gift they gave to our air conditioning fund in August.

We thank an anonymous person who gave to our fund to replace our air conditioning system in the Fellowship Hall. You gave a \$6,500.00 gift. These gifts have taken us very close to reaching our goal and we thank you and praise the Lord!

If you would like to give to our remaining balance of \$2,078.44 for the air conditioning replacement, please place your donation in a contribution envelope and mark it Maintenance and Repairs- Air Conditioning Fund.



### Congratulations on Your 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary!

We will celebrate the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Bro. John Carney's answering the call to Blue Ridge Baptist Church. He came on September 12, 1993. We love and appreciate you, Bro. John. Pastor, Counselor, Preacher, Teacher, Music Leader, Friend to All Ages, Caretaker of the Church. He loves each one of you and he and Jackie count it a true joy and a blessing to serve our Lord with you. We will celebrate Bro. John Carney's 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary as Pastor at Blue Ridge Baptist Church on Sunday, September 14. Please let him know of your love and appreciation for him.

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**Fellowship Lunch September 14th at Noon**  
**Movie Under the Stars and Cookout September 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM**



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.

#### How to Give Online

Unleash your generosity by giving through our safe and secure GiveThree65 digital platform.  
 Visit [www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net](http://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 Jim Harris	Happy Labor Day	Women's Bible Study 9:00 am TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm	Invite your friends & family to Blue Ridge!		Galatians Bible Study Sundays at 5pm
Grandparent's Day	Visitation 7:00 pm	WBS 9:00 am TOPS 5:30 pm Ladies' Crafts 6:30	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm			
Bro. John & Jackie's 32 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary	Visitation 7:00 pm	WBS 9:00 am TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm	Lunch Bunch 10:00 am		Study the Kings Wednesdays at 5pm
Back to Church Sunday	Visitation 7:00 pm	WBS 9:00 am TOPS 5:30 pm	Prayer & Share 5:00 pm			
Movie Under the Stars & Cookout 6:00 PM	Visitation 7:00 pm	WBS 9:00 am TOPS 5:30 pm			Coming Up Fall Festival October 26 4PM	

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!