

*For you are saved by grace  
through faith, and this is  
not from yourselves;  
it is God's gift—  
not from works,  
so that no one can boast.*

EPHESIANS 2:8,9 (CSB)





# BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Rev. John Carney  
Emily Roney, Bro. John  
Linda Graydon  
Susan Hansen  
Jim Harris

Pastor  
Worship Leader  
Pianist  
Financial Secretary  
Web Master

Sound Engineers: David Brown, Buddy Davis, Dan Bass, Vincent Bennett, Jim Harris, Scott Stevenson

Thank you to Robert Wynn and Bro. John for leading us in Worship today.

**Welcome and Family News**

**Rev. John Carney**

**Call to Worship 425**

**"He Keeps Me Singing"**

**Hymn 333**

**"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

**Fellowship Hymn 411**

**"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"**

**Offertory Hymn 644**

**"Count Your Blessings"**

*Worship Through Our Tithes and Offerings*

**Special Music**

**Robert Wynn**

**Morning Message**

**Rev. John Carney**

**Hymn of Invitation 329**

**"Grace Greater than Our Sin"**

*Come to pray sitting on the two front pews, pray with Bro. John at the altar, or pray at the altar. Come and declare your faith in Christ as your Savior. Join this great church family by transferring your letter, by statement that you are a baptized believer, to share your desire to be baptized, or to share your decision for a recommitment to Christ as your Lord and Savior.*

**Closing Hymn 243**

**"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"**



## **How to Share Your Tithes and Offerings Today**

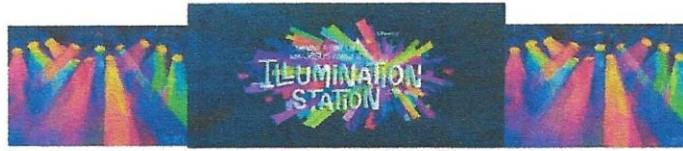
*You may place your tithes and offerings in the plates at the two doors of the Sanctuary. Please place your visitor's information and prayer requests there. You may give online, [www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net](http://www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net) through the Baptist Foundation where all giving is private and secure.*



## **Welcome to Our Visitors**



*Come and worship in God's peace and beauty of Blue Ridge. We welcome our visitors today. Thank you for joining us. Please fill out the attached visitor's form and place it in the offering plate. You may include any prayer requests or hand them to Bro. John as you are leaving.*



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

**Preschool Team**

**Music**

**Crafts**

**Kindergarten Team**

**Snacks**

**1-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Team**

**Counting**

**Recreation and Missions**

**3-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Team**

**Security**

**VBX Team**

**Special Friends**

**Photography**

**Financial Contributions**

**Sermon Notes**

***You Can Share with Confidence***

You cannot reach \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ, but you can reach \_\_\_\_\_.

Why more Christian do not share - \_\_\_\_\_.

We have a **I** problem!

Wester Day at Hoffmantown

The New Testament Example Acts 4:19-20

How can we share with Confidence?

We are a part of an unbeatable team: The **Word of God**, The Work of the **Holy Spirit**, and the Witness of the **Believer**.

**The Word of God Isa. 55:11**

**The Word of God builds Confidence**

The Word Stands forever I Peter 1:24-25

The Word of God burns out impurities Jere. 23:29

The Word of God is the Sword of the Spirit Eph. 6:17, Heb. 4:12-13

The Word of God Builds Faith Rm. 10:17

The Word of God is Powerful Rm 1:16

The Word of God Provides Direction for Living II Tim 3:16-17

The Word of God, shared from a heart of deep compassion, produces a Harvest Ps. 125:5-6

**The Work of the Holy Spirit** Acts 1:8, I Tim. 2:4

The Holy Spirit convicts the lost and inspires confidence in the Witness.

The Holy Spirit empowers the Church. Acts 8:30

The Holy Spirit guides us when we share. Lukes 12:11-12

John 6:44, John 16:14, 16:8-11

The Holy Spirit enables believers to live victoriously John 3:3, 5-6

**The Witness of the Believer**

Apart from believers sharing the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit, people usually do not come to Christ. John 4:34-38, I Cor. 3:6

Example: Acts 8:30-31

He will use your unique gifts and abilities to reach people for Christ. You must just speak up. To not speak up is to quench the Spirit.

**Will you join the team?**

***The Word shows the Way to Salvation.***

***The Spirit Enlightens and Encourages.***

***The Witness Shares what Christ has done.***

A story from Bobby Dodd

**Will you Choose to Change your World?**



We will celebrate our

*61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Blue Ridge Baptist  
Next Sunday, May 3, 2026*

We will have a fabulous Morning Worship Service with our featured singers and musicians. After the service we will have lunch together. The Social Committee and friends will provide the turkey and ham. Bring your favorite Sunday Dinner favorite side dishes and desserts. The church will provide the turkey, ham, dressing, bread, and tea. We thank our Social Committee for planning, praying, and providing the essentials which will make it a great day.

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Join Us Today for Afternoon Bible Study and Prayer Time at Blue Ridge

We offer great Bible Study and Prayer Times two times every week for everybody to join us in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm: *Characters: The Prophets of the Bible*

Sundays at 5:00 pm: *Live Free, a Study on Galatians*

*Come join us and listen and learn or share as you will.*

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*You are cordially invited to join us for  
Our 61<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration*

*Sunday, May 3, 2026*

*At 11:00 am*

*Followed by our Anniversary Lunch at noon.*

*Bring your favorite Sunday Dinner dishes and desserts.*

*Bro. John will deliver a challenging message following music by  
Reborn Harmony, Clarence and Janet Mann (duet), and Greg Lott.*

*Invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join us.*

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## † Blue Ridge This Week †

Today, April 26, 2026

9:45 am Coed II Sunday School Class  
10:00 am Coed I, Preschool, Children's, and Youth Classes  
11:00 am Morning Praise and Worship  
5:00 pm Bible Study with Bro. John and Friends

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VBS is Coming June 7-11<sup>th</sup>! 6:30-8:30 pm!



SHINE BRIGHT IN A DARK  
WORLD AT VBS 2026

Sign up in the office hallway and receive the true blessing of working with God's little ones.

We will meet each night from 6:30-8:0 pm. We will rotate from Opening Worship Rally to Bible Study then to Snacks and Crafts, and to Music. This year

we will add a Special Friends Class taught by Donna Chrietzberg and Joni Musser!

It's all fun and exciting as we learn and re-affirm our Bible story each night through each stop.



**Our VBS Planning Meeting is May 17 at 3:30 pm.**

**\*See pictures from the past 61 years in the church hallways and the fellowship hall.**

**Please add any documents and pictures you may have.**

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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. Bro. John's sermons are there to be seen and/or heard every week. Thank you, Jim, for an excellent website. It is always up to date!

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