



MOTHER'S DAY

Her mouth speaks wisdom,  
and loving instruction  
is on her tongue.

PROVERBS 31:26 (CSB)

*Welcome to the 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Month*

 *Blue Ridge Baptist Church*

*Sunday, May 10, 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 Linda Graydon and Bro. John for leading us in Worship today.

*Welcome and Family News*

*Rev. John Carney*

*Call to Worship 12*

*"Great Is the Lord"*

*Hymn 504, verses 3 and 4*

*"God, Give Us Christian Homes"*

*Recognition of Mothers on Mother's Day*

*Fellowship Hymn 514*

*"When We All Get to Heaven"*

*Worship Through Our Tithes and Offerings*

*Offertory Hymn 273*

*"Freely, Freely"*

*Children's Sermon and Children's Church*

*Special Music*

*Linda Graydon*

*Morning Message*

*Rev. John Carney*

*Hymn of Invitation 447*

*"Trust and Obey"*

*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 224*

*"Holy Ground"*

**Sermon Notes**  
**How to be an Influential Mother**  
**Hebrews 11:23-27**

**Introduction**

What did you learn from your Mother?

**Characteristics of a Great Mother** Proverbs 31:10-31

Family First verses 12, 23

Hard Work verses 13-15, 17, 27

Industrious, Smart, Creative, and Talented verses 16, 22, 24

Confidence verses 11, 21, 25

Praised verses 23, 28, 31

Fears the Lord verses 29-30

**The Power of a Mother's Faith** Hebrews 11:23-27

Jochebed means Jehovah is Glory. Her story is told in Exodus 2:1-10 and her name is mentioned in Exodus 6:20 and Numbers 26:59.

Her secret power was faith in God, "By Faith" verse 23

**Faith Defined**

Faith's Vision verse 23      Ps. 130:13-16

Faith's Venture verse 23      James 2:17-18

Faith turns promise into action.

Clarence Thomas and the 250 Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

Faith's Valor verse 23      II Timothy 3:1

Faith's Victory verses 24-27

Two Victories: Son Spared and Son Followed

Ex. 2:1-10 & Acts 7:22

***"God turned that little basket into a battleship."***

Before Tebow and a Warning and a Word of Advice.

## Sympathy



*Our Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Adam and Mary Ryals, Kacy Hall and family in the loss of their Uncle, and Bonnie Ryals in the loss of her brother-in-law in the passing of Jerry Ryals. Our love and prayers to Adan and Mary Ryals and family in the passing of Mary's cousin, Annette Harris.*



**Thank you to Shelly Bennett and Susan Hansen for the beautiful magnolia arrangements for the tables in the Fellowship Hall and for the Lord's Supper table in the Sanctuary.**

**Thank You, Jim and Barbara Harris**



**We love and appreciate you and your sweet gift of a new preschool table and chairs in the Toddler area of the Children's Wing. It is really cute and safe for our little ones. The height is adjustable for growing kids. It is in the 3-4-year-old VBS Classroom at this time. Last year we had a really big class (16) and this will be a big help to the teachers, Renee' and Mary. Pray for them and the children who will come there and in all age groups.**



**A reminder to you and your friends....  
You may pre-register for VBS on our website. Jim, our Web Master of our [www.blueridgebaptistchurch.org](http://www.blueridgebaptistchurch.org) site added this. Thank you, Jim. This will help our teachers prepare for the children ahead of time, June 7-11.**

**Our VBS Planning Meeting is Next Sunday!**



**Doris Brown**

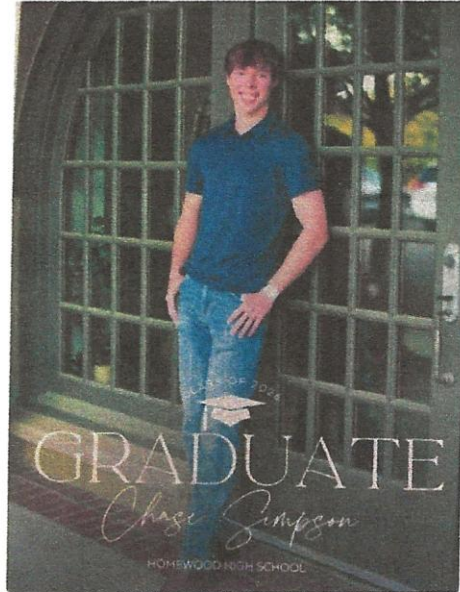
**April 11, 1942 – May 8, 2026**

**Our Christian love and sympathy are expressed to David and Amy Brown, Morgan (Collin), Sydney (Brock), and Justin in the passing of his mother and their grandmother, Doris. She is survived by her daughter Donna (Randy) Parker and her son Mike (Amanda) Brown, and grandchildren Reagan (Ethan), Andrew, and Carter Brown.**

**Her funeral plans will be announced Monday. Doris requested that in lieu of flowers, donations to Blue Ridge Baptist Church be made (in her memory). We will serve lunch to the family before her service to be held at the church. They request no food before that time.**

**See or call Jackie or Bro. John to share what you will bring for their lunch: Main Course, Side Dishes, Desserts, Bread, and Teas.**

**Congratulations to Chase Simpson,  
Son of Summer Simpson Baker  
Grandson of Terry and Linda Graydon  
On his 2026 Graduation from Homewood High School**



**Chase will be pursuing a degree in Aerospace Engineering  
from Auburn University.**

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**From Jim and Joni Musser**





**Vacation Bible School 2026**

**June 7-11, 2026, 6:30-8:30 pm**

**Preschool Team**

**Renee' Miller**

**Mary Ryals**

**Special Friends**

**Donna Chrietzberg**

**Jim and Joni Musser**

**Music**

**Bro. John Carney**

**Crafts**

**Tara Brown**

**Scott Stevenson**

**Tammi Stevenson**

**Kindergarten Team**

**John Knudsen**

**Kathy Knudsen**

**Snacks**

**Shirley Davis**

**Fay Milton**

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

**Amy Brown**

**Becky Miller**

**Counting**

**Jim Beck**

**Recreation and Missions**

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

**VBX Team**

**Wendy Aldridge**

**Security**

**David Miller**

**Photography**

**Financial Contributions**

***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.***

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### ***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.***

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**Welcome all Mothers, Grandmothers, and ladies special to you to our Morning Worship Service today. The church has a nice gift for you as we honor each of you as you have honored your children with a wonderful upbringing.**



***Instead, make yourselves beautiful on the inside, in your hearts, with the enduring quality of a gentle, peaceful spirit. This type of beauty is very precious in God's eyes. 1 Peter 3:4***

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### ***61 Years of Service for Our Lord***

***We had a wonderful service last Sunday! Thank you to Bro. John for a challenging message about our past and future as a church. Thank you to Reborn Harmony, Clarence and Janet Mann, and Greg Lott, accompanied by Robert Wynn for our worship and praise through music. Thank you to Rev. Steve Rogers for sharing a fun history of the church. We were thankful for the presence of charter members, Susan Hansen and Rev. Steve Rogers, for being here. Thank you to Jim and Barbara Harris, Tammi Stevenson, Shirley Davis, and Jim Musser for their delicious main courses. Thank you to Renee' Miller for her delicious dressing. All our Blue Ridge cooks gave their best! Thank you to Jackie for the boards of pictures and documents. We thank God for Our Wonderful Church Family on Jasmine Hill Road!***

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## † Blue Ridge This Week †

Today, May 10, 2026- *Happy Mother's Day*

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 No services today. Enjoy Mother's Day with your family.



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 6:30-8:30 pm. We will rotate from Opening Worship Rally to Bible Study, to Snacks and Crafts, and to Music. This year we will add a Special Friends Class taught by Donna Christzberg and Jim 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.



There will be no afternoon services today. Join Us in 1 week 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.

✓ *Ladies Craft Night Out is this Tuesday, May 12*

All ladies are invited to join us for fun and a great time of fellowship as we make rag wreaths with Joni Musser. Joni will have all supplies along with some fabric, but we need to bring a fat quarter bundle of fabric from WalMart or Hobby Lobby/Amazon and a pair of scissors. You may choose Spring/Summer or Patriotic fabric for your wreath. Thank you, Joni!

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