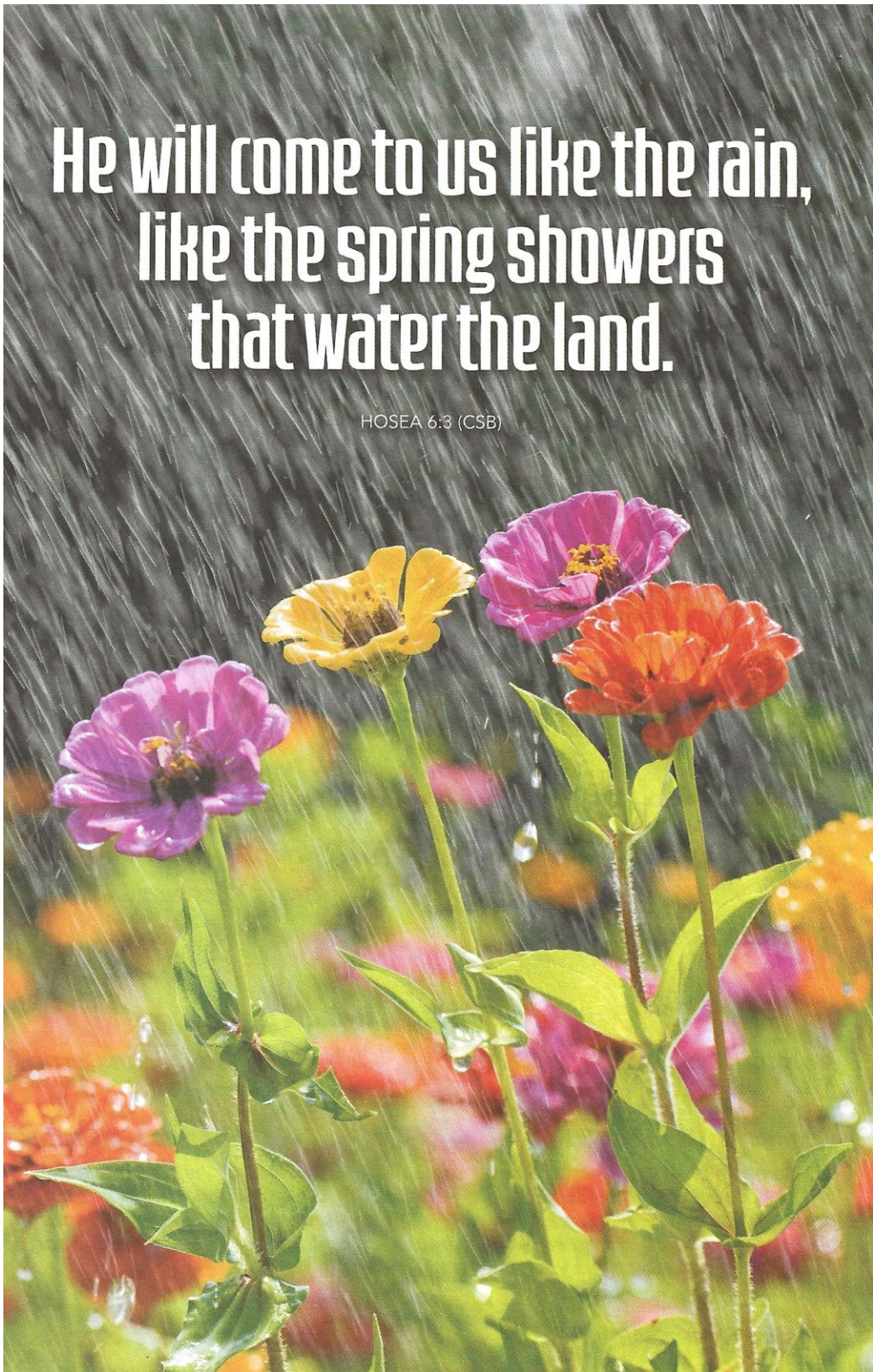


**He will come to us like the rain,
like the spring showers
that water the land.**

HOSEA 6:3 (CSB)



Welcome to the 61st Anniversary

Blue Ridge Baptist Church

Sunday, May 3, 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 10

"How Great Thou Art"

Hymn Insert

"I'll Fly Away"

Reborn Harmony

Susan and Dan Bass and Buddy Davis

Fellowship Hymn 54

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Remembrance and History of Blue Ridge

Rev. Steve Rogers

Greg Lott

Offertory Hymn Insert

"Bringing in the Sheaves"

Worship Through Our Tithes and Offerings

Special Music

Robert Wynn

Clarence and Janet Mann

Morning Message

Rev. John Carney

Hymn of Invitation 330

"Amazing Grace"

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 342

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

I'll Fly Away 779

We would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8

1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a -
 2. When the shad - ows of this life have gone, fly a-way,
 3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then,

way; fly a-way; To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a-way,
 Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown,
 To a land where joys shall nev - er end,

Refrain

fly a - way. I'll fly a-way, O glo-ry, I'll fly a-way,
 fly a-way, fly a-way, fly a-way, fly a-way,

fly a - way; in the morn-ing; When I die, hal - le - lu - jah, by and by,

Optional choral ending

ff I'll fly a-way, fly a - way, fly a-way. I'll fly a - way!
ff

TEXT: Albert E. Brumley
 MUSIC: Albert E. Brumley

I'LL FLY AWAY
 9.4.9.4. with Refrain

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Bringing In the Sheaves

SERVICE
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HARVEST. 12. 11. 12. 11. with Refrain

KNOWLES SHAW, 1834-1878

GEORGE A. MINOR

1. Sow - ing in the morn - ing, sow - ing seeds of kind - ness, Sow - ing in the
2. Sow - ing in the sun - shine, sow - ing in the shad - ows; Fear - ing nei - ther
3. Go - ing forth with weep - ing, sow - ing for the Mas - ter, Tho' the loss sus -

noon - tide and the dew - y eve; Wait - ing for the har - vest,
clouds nor win - ter's chill - ing breeze; By and by the har - vest
tained our spir - it of - ten grieves; When our weep - ing's o - ver,

and the time of reap - ing, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.
and the la - bor end - ed, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.
He will bid us wel - come, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.

REFRAIN

{ Bring - ing in the sheaves, bring - ing in the sheaves, We shall come re - joic -
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ing, bring - ing in the sheaves; ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.

61st Anniversary Modern Theme: Timepieces, representing the timeless, enduring bond and Flower: Magnolia, representing dignity, perseverance, and love of nature.

Sympathy



Our Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Adam and Mary Ryals and family in the passing of Jerry Ryals, Adam's uncle. He is also the brother-in-law of Bonnie Ryals.



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 site added this. Thank you, Jim. This will help our teachers prepare for the children ahead of time, June 7-11.**



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.



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 through the Baptist Foundation where all giving is private and secure.



Glory



Join us for lunch today for lunch together. The Anniversary Committee and the Social Committee planned this great day and our Sunday Dinner. Our great church family has provided everyone's favorite side dishes and desserts. Thank you Amy Brown for the beautiful Anniversary cake. Thank you to Jim Harris, Tammi Stevenson, Shirley Davis, and Jim Musser for providing our main courses. Thank you to Renee' Miller for preparing our dressing. Thank you to Susan Bass for providing the bread. Bro. John and Jackie and Shirley Davis provided our tea. We love and appreciate every precious one of you.

Mother's Day is Next Sunday



Bring your Wives, Mothers, Grandmothers, and ladies special to you to our Morning Worship on the 10th. Bro. John will share a great message for them and the church will have a nice gift for them.



day, May 3, 2026

45 am Coed II Sunday School Class
:00 am Coed I, Preschool, Children's, and Youth Classes
:00 am Morning Praise and Worship
:00 noon Anniversary Lunch



VBS is Coming June 7-11th! 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 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 2 weeks
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 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 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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