



# Ridge Digest

November 1, 2023

This month the Baptist General Association of Virginia will meet at Bon Air Baptist Church. In addition to the regular annual meeting of the state association, this year marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of the BGAV. Since 1823 Baptists in Virginia have partnered together for the sake of the gospel. Cooperation for the cause of Christ is the hallmark of Baptist life, and the Virginia example of such cooperation predates the founding of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845. In this time when cooperation within the SBC is threatened, its older cousin has the opportunity to show the way in working together for the sake of God's kingdom. Cooperation that makes a difference for the sake of God's kingdom is not dependent on complete agreement on every point of doctrine or practice, but on devotion to God's Word and a dedication to seeing God's kingdom come and God's will be done on earth, just like it is in heaven. That same cooperative principle is true in the life of a church and in relationships between believers. If we wait for the day when we agree completely with one another, when we are always happy with every choice and every decision made, if the idea of being of one mind means that we require identical opinions, the future is bleak. If we are prepared to decide that God's kingdom is what matters most, and we are ready and willing to submit our prerogatives and opinions to the lordship of Jesus Christ, the future is unlimited. Jesus said that the gates of Hell would not prevail against his church, but that doesn't mean that individuals can't hamper the effectiveness of the church in fulfilling its calling.

This month begins with a significant day...All Saints' Day. It is more than just a common feast day for the saints of the church; it is a day when we thank God for those who have lived the life of faith before us. It is a time when we honor their legacy. It is also a time when we remember that their legacy has been placed in our hands, and that it is only as we are willing to put self aside and cooperate together for the sake of the gospel that we are able to honor their memory by following their example and continuing their quest. We come to Thanksgiving Day and the beginning of the Christian Year at the end of the month. If we are dedicated to working together, cooperating for the sake of the kingdom of God, beginning a fresh new year of greater commitment to the cause of Christ, we can be truly thankful, not just for what has transpired in the past, but for the exciting future that God has planned for us ahead.

We will have our quarterly business meeting on Sunday, November 5, followed by a fellowship luncheon. The church will provide the meat and drinks, and we ask the congregation to share the rest of the meal. We will join together in Communion on November 12. The Happy Hearts group will meet on Tuesday, November 21 instead of the 14th because of the BGAV meeting. We will have lunch in the CLC that will be provided by the church. I pray that this month you will have a wonderful time of fellowship, thanksgiving and meaningful relationship, both with your birth family and your spiritual family. God bless you.

**Weekly Online Presence:**

SUNDAYS:

9:30 Sunday Morning Worship Service - in person; Facebook Live and YouTube

WEDNESDAYS:

10am Morning Bible Study with Alan Ray ([ray5778@gmail.com](mailto:ray5778@gmail.com))



**May God Bless You on Your Birthday...**

|                        |                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 11/1- Meagan Carter    | 11/16- Irene Taylor           |
| 11/1- Paula Harlfinger | 11/17- Audrey Carter          |
| 11/2- Gregory Price    | 11/20- Sam Hubbard            |
| 11/3- Fi Booker        | 11/22- Hanan Sayd             |
| 11/3- Ryland Rice (7)  | 11/23- Bill Pemberton         |
| 11/7- Bud Johnson      | 11/24- Will Gill              |
| 11/7- Joan Pemberton   | 11/26- Carol Hawkins          |
| 11/8- Joan Moses       | 11/27- John Thomas            |
| 11/10- Dottie Koontz   | 11/28- Earl Maxey             |
| 11/13- Martha Hardee   | 11/30- Johnathan Daniels      |
| 11/15- Betty Rouse     | 11/30 Michael Woodard<br>(13) |

## WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

|                |                             |                |                           |
|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Nov. 1</b>  | Lamentations 2; 2 Timothy 4 | <b>Nov. 16</b> | Ezekiel 25-26; Hebrews 11 |
| <b>Nov. 2</b>  | Lamentations 3; Titus 1     | <b>Nov. 17</b> | Ezekiel 27-28; Hebrews 12 |
| <b>Nov. 3</b>  | Lamentations 4; Titus 2     | <b>Nov. 18</b> | Ezekiel 29-30; Hebrews 13 |
| <b>Nov. 4</b>  | Lamentations 5; Titus 3     | <b>Nov. 19</b> | Ezekiel 31-32; James 1    |
| <b>Nov. 5</b>  | Ezekiel 1-2; Philemon       | <b>Nov. 20</b> | Ezekiel 33-34; James 2    |
| <b>Nov. 6</b>  | Ezekiel 3-5; Hebrews 1      | <b>Nov. 21</b> | Ezekiel 35-37; James 3    |
| <b>Nov. 7</b>  | Ezekiel 6-7; Hebrews 2      | <b>Nov. 22</b> | Ezekiel 38-39; James 4    |
| <b>Nov. 8</b>  | Ezekiel 8-10; Hebrews 3     | <b>Nov. 23</b> | Ezekiel 40-41; James 5    |
| <b>Nov. 9</b>  | Ezekiel 11-12; Hebrews 4    | <b>Nov. 24</b> | Ezekiel 42-43; 1 Peter 1  |
| <b>Nov. 10</b> | Ezekiel 13-14; Hebrews 5    | <b>Nov. 25</b> | Ezekiel 44-46; 1 Peter 2  |
| <b>Nov. 11</b> | Ezekiel 15-16; Hebrews 6    | <b>Nov. 26</b> | Ezekiel 47-48; 1 Peter 3  |
| <b>Nov. 12</b> | Ezekiel 17-18; Hebrews 7    | <b>Nov. 27</b> | Daniel 1; 1 Peter 4       |
| <b>Nov. 13</b> | Ezekiel 19-20; Hebrews 8    | <b>Nov. 28</b> | Daniel 2; 1 Peter 5       |
| <b>Nov. 14</b> | Ezekiel 21-22; Hebrews 9    | <b>Nov. 29</b> | Daniel 3; 2 Peter 1       |
| <b>Nov. 15</b> | Ezekiel 23-24; Hebrews 10   | <b>Nov. 30</b> | Daniel 4; 2 Peter 2       |

### Prayer Concerns:

#### Members at Home:

Billy Gill

Christina Holleman

Barbara Thornton

Jan Jones

*We extend our Christian love and our deepest sympathy to Ira Helmick  
in the death of his brother, Gibson Helmick*

#### Extension Members in Hospital or Home:

Phyllis Benner

Helen Price

Mae Callaham (at Beth Shalom rehab)

Mary Jane Cook

Pat Godfrey

Audrey "Kay" Meyers

Jim Lyles

Sue Douglas

B.J. Noel

Irene Taylor

#### Friends of Ridge

Zlatko Buckoski (North Macedonia)

Mrs. Johnson (Dawn Ford)

Dianne Fair (P. Mahome)

Jimmy McNamara (B. Rahmlow)

Bobby Stallworth (E. Stewart)

Joy Jones (B. Rahmlow)

David (R. Peed)

Nelson Santana (B. & H. Johnson)

David Isom

Sherrie & Grace Holliday (C. & P. Woolard)

Katie Koontz (D. Koontz)

Mary Gross (B. Rahmlow)

Tracey Wade (D. Ford)

Debra Bartinikas (S. Colgan)

Carol Didlake (former member)

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child boxes are available at the parking lot entrance and in the CLC. Items that you may add to your box are available in the CLC. You may add \$9.00 to the box to cover the cost of shipping and other project costs. Checks should be made payable to Ridge Baptist Church (please memo that it is for Operation Christmas Child). When boxes are in, we will send one check to Samaritan Purse. These boxes go to children all around the world. "Each shoebox represents a child, potentially an entire family, that can be reached with the Good News of Jesus". (A. Loving)  
Filled shoeboxes are due back at Ridge Church by Sunday, November 19th. Do not include candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, liquids or lotions, scary or war-related items, or breakable items.

### **Promise Care Fundraiser**

To assist with 2024 extracurricular activities and maintenance needs, Promise Care is holding a peanuts fundraiser.

If you are interested in purchasing peanuts (19 choices), they will be offered through Sunday, 11/5/23. The sign-up sheet will be located in the CLC this Sunday, 10/29/23. Payment is by cash or check (payable to Promise Care), and is needed when you place your order. Please pay Laura Gilmer or Shannon Peed. Delivery will be made as soon as the orders are filled, estimated time is 2-3 weeks.

We hope you will consider assisting the daycare in their fundraiser and fill someone's stocking with a special gift this Christmas.

Thank you,  
Promise Care Committee

### **HAPPY HEARTS UPDATE**

Happy Hearts will meet on November 21 instead of November 14 because of the meeting of the BGAV. We will meet for lunch in the CLC provided by the church. Please make note of those changes.

**WMU Meeting for November**

Women's Missionary Union will meet on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 1:30 pm in the Choir Room. Join us as we explore Christian Resort Ministries, holding the ropes through intercessory prayer, and the impact one person using his or her God-given talents to serve others can have.

# November 2023

| Sunday  | Monday                                     | Tuesday  | Wednesday           | Thursday   | Friday                      | Saturday   |
|---|--|--|---------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
|   |  |  | 1<br>Reg Wed. Sch.  | 2<br>ECHO Church<br>Prayer 5pm<br>(Chapel)                           | 3                           | 4<br>Arabic Prayer<br>Service<br>(Chapel)<br>7:30pm  |
| 5<br>Reg. Sun. Sch<br>Arabic Church<br>(Chapel)<br>11:30-12:30<br>ECHO 2:30-3:30pm<br>Qrtly Business<br>Meeting<br>Handbell Reh. 1pm<br>VME Meeting 1-4pm<br>(CLC)            | 6<br>English<br>Club<br>6-8:30pm<br>(CLC)  | 7<br>WMU meets<br>1:30 pm<br>(Choir Room)  | 8<br>Reg Wed. Sch   | 9<br>ECHO Church<br>Prayer 5pm<br>(Chapel)                           | 10                          | 11<br>Richmond Gem<br>& Mineral<br>Society Rock<br>Swap 9-3 (CLC<br>& Parking Lot)<br>Arabic Prayer<br>Service<br>(Chapel)<br>7:30pm |
| 12<br>Reg. Sun. Sch<br>Communion Sunday<br>Arabic Church<br>(Chapel)<br>11:30-12:30<br>ECHO 2:30-3:30pm   | 13<br>English<br>Club<br>6-8:30pm<br>(CLC) | 14<br>Richmond<br>Gem &<br>Mineral<br>Society<br>meeting<br>6:30-9:30pm<br>(CLC) | 15<br>Reg Wed. Sch. | 16<br>Us Too 2-4pm<br>(CLC)<br>ECHO Church<br>Prayer 5pm<br>(Chapel) | 17                          | 18<br>Arabic Prayer<br>Service (Chapel)<br>7:30pm  |
| 19<br>Reg. Sun. Sch<br>Handbell Reh. 1pm<br>VME Meeting 1-4pm<br>(CLC)<br>Deacons Meeting<br>3pm (Choir Room)<br>Arabic Church<br>(Chapel)<br>11:30-12:30<br>ECHO 2:30-3:30pm | 20<br>English<br>Club<br>6-8:30pm<br>(CLC) | 21<br>Happy Hearts<br>Lunch in CLC   | 22<br>Reg Wed. Sch  | 23<br>Thanksgiving Day<br>RBC Offices Closed                         | 24<br>RBC Offices<br>Closed | 25<br>Arabic Prayer<br>Service (Chapel)<br>7:30pm  |

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| <b>26</b><br>Reg. Sun. Sch<br>Arabic Church<br>(Chapel)<br>11:30-12:30<br>ECHO 2:30-3:30pm | <b>27</b><br>English<br>Club<br>6-8:30pm<br>(CLC) | <b>28</b> | 29<br>Reg Wed. Sch | 30<br>ECHO Church<br>Prayer 5pm<br>(Chapel) |  |  |



presented by  
**The Chancel Choir**  
with  
**The Handbell Choir**  
of  
**RIDGE BAPTIST**  
**CHURCH**

1515 Eastridge Road  
Richmond, VA 23229

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
at 7:00 p.m.

Reception to follow

Nursery provided for ages 3 & under

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### **Ridge Baptist Church Worship Leaders & Support Staff**

Rev. Alan Ray, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Jonathan Howard, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Lindsay Ray, *Minister for Students*

Mr. Robert Blaylock, *Media Director*

Mr. Robert Coffman, *Music Ministry Director*

Mrs. Phyllis Coffman, *Church Accompanist*

Ms. Deanna Janss, *Financial Secretary*

### **Weekly Schedule Online:**

#### **Sundays:**

**Worship Live Stream** at 1:00pm

(Facebook and YouTube)

#### **Wednesdays:**

**Morning Bible Study** with Alan Ray @ 10 a.m.

#### **Weekly In Person Schedule:**

#### **Sundays:**

**9:30 a.m. Morning Worship** in the

**Sanctuary**

**10:45 a.m. Morning Fellowship** in the CLC **11:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study** **Wednesdays:**

**5:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship** in the Youth Center

**6:15 p.m. Evening Bible Study** in CLC with Alan Ray

**7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal** in the Choir Room