



Green Ridge Baptist Church Newsletter, January 2012



Heart to Heart

As the Spotless Lamb of God, Jesus lived a perfectly sinless human life and died a sinner's death to sufficiently atone, once and for all, for the sins of humanity. As the second Adam, Jesus was both God *and Man*. He alone was capable of living a perfect life and becoming the only atonement acceptable to God for our sins. As God, His sacrifice was sufficient, more than sufficient! As Man, He did what the first Adam failed to do. Paul says, "for just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous" (Rom. 5:19). Or, as Paul explained to the Corinthians, "As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22)! This Christmas I pray that you celebrate the LIFE Jesus gives, the atonement He purchased and the JOY He came to give the world. Join us for a special Christmas worship and message on December 25 at Green Ridge (10:55 am).

On January 1, David McNees will be preaching and on January 8, Pastors Greg, David and myself will all three share short segments of a Vision for the Future at "the Ridge". We invite all of you to be present to hear some exciting stuff for the upcoming year. We will continue in preaching through John on Sunday mornings. And Sunday evenings we will call on God to REVIVE His people as we travel through the study of "FRESH ENCOUNTER—Experiencing God's Power for Spiritual Awakening". I also look forward to the Sundays in March when we examine the question: "What Is The Gospel?" on Sunday nights. We have a very special time coming on the last weekend in February. Evangelist Steve Hale will be at Green Ridge for the MEN WHO WIN CONFERENCE on that Friday and Saturday (February 24 & 25). On Sunday, February 26, Steve will be with us for both morning services and one big evening worship for a GREAT DAY of preaching and worship. As you can see we have a good start on 2012 already.

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Twelve for '12

**"Twelve Hours of
Prayer & Fasting for 2012"**

Friday, January 6th

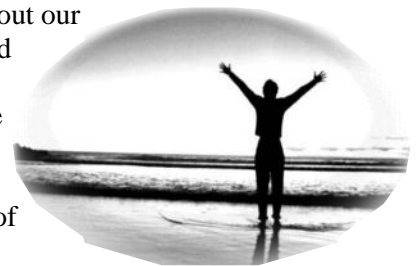
6:30 am - 6:30 pm Prayer Time

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Praise Service



This will be a special focused day of fasting, prayer and praise to begin 2012. We are asking everyone who is physically able to fast the entire day and commit to praise and pray that the Lord would move in the GRBC body, cleanse us from sin and use us in a new and special way in 2012 to reach the Roanoke Valley and beyond with the gospel. We will have 12 hours of prayer followed by a Praise/Worship/Testimony Service. The prayer time and Praise Service will be held in the Worship Center and Prayer Room.

The 12 hours of prayer will go from 6:30 am until 6:30 pm and will be broken into 30 minute segments. We are hoping to have many people at each 30 minute time slot. A sheet is available to sign up for the prayer times on the board outside of the church office. We will have some information available about our partnerships overseas and other prompts to help as people pray. If you have any questions or need more information about this special day see any of the pastors.



EDUCATION MINISTRY

Last month I shared with you how God had convicted me at the Life Action Pastors Retreat about my need for more focused prayer. At the same time, Jacqui Hood and Danielle Lariviere expressed a desire for the college ministry to possibly have a time of concentrated prayer that could include the entire church family. As a result of witnessing what God was doing through His people, the staff has planned a day of focused prayer for Friday, January 6.

We are asking the GRBC faith family to commit to praying during a 30-minute time slot between 6:30 am and 6:30 pm on that day. It is our desire to see Green Ridge cry out to God on behalf of the lost, our faith family, our community, our state, our nation and the world.

To conclude this season of prayer, we are going to have a special praise and testimony service that same evening, January 6, at 6:30 pm. This will be a great time to celebrate God answering our prayers through faith—*“whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him”* (1 John 3:22).

Will you commit to being a part of crying out to God with other believers? Let’s begin 2012 with our hearts bowed before our Creator and seeking His glory in all things.

Serving at the Pleasure of the KING,

Pastor Greg

ADULT NEW MEMBERS/ CHURCH INFORMATION CLASS

Sundays, January 8-29

9:45 am

This class will last for four Sundays and will be led by Pastor Michael in the Worship Center. It is a great time to learn about the history, the mission and the DNA of Green Ridge Baptist Church. It is also a great way to get to know our pastor and the other staff members. There is a “track” and a book we use but we are “free” to go where the Lord leads and address whatever questions and needs that arise! Anyone interested in knowing more about how to be a part of the Lord’s team and making an eternal difference with their life is invited to attend. Also, this class is a requirement for church membership. If you plan on attending, please give the church office a call (562-0225) or send an email to Ellen (ecarawan@grbcsbc.com).

**MEN
WHO
WIN**
WEEKEND CONFERENCE

Coming to Green Ridge...

**February 24-25,
2012**

***Guest Speaker:
Steve Hale***

Guys, this is going to be a fantastic Friday night and Saturday morning! We have had Steve Hale here several times before. He is an excellent communicator who has Godly wisdom and understands the challenges all men face.

We have a big dinner scheduled for the Friday night, along with two sessions. Then on Saturday morning, we will start with a light breakfast and then two more sessions. Green Ridge is underwriting most of the expenses making the cost just \$15/man. We can handle up to 250 men for the conference! So guys, please invite every friend and co-worker you know!

Here are the topics that will be covered:

- ♦ The Influence of a Dad
- ♦ A Man and His Habits
- ♦ Why Men Avoid Church
- ♦ Ambushed: Navigating Life’s Unexpected Detours

Steve Hale will also speak at Green Ridge that Sunday, February 26 for both morning services and a special one-night Revival message for the church! So guys, please mark your calendars, tell others and don’t miss this MEN WHO WIN CONFERENCE!

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I am humbled to be your pastor. I pray that all of us have a special Christmas marked by the Lord taking us all deeper with Him. We have SO MUCH to do for the gospel locally and globally. We need folks to get serious about discipleship and actively following Jesus. He was very serious in coming as the Babe in the manger; the time we now call Christmas. God did care enough for us to give His very best. Oh Lord God, I pray that we give you everything we are this year and every year. Do a fresh work Lord God in this family known as Green Ridge. Thanks for the precious gift of Jesus!

Hazel and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Gospel Centered New Year. You are loved by this pastor more than you will ever know.

Pastor Michael

WORSHIP/DISCIPLESHIP

*“Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
and His praise in the assembly of saints. Let Israel
rejoice in their Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful
in their King. Let them praise His Name with the dance;
let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.
For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will
beautify the humble with salvation. Let the saints be
joyful in glory; let them sing aloud on their beds.
Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,
and a two-edged sword in their hand.”*

Psalm 149:1-6

The prospect of a new year is always very exciting. Anything new always piques our interest. I remember my dad always going to the car dealers in our town just to look at the new cars. We were not in the market to buy a new car, but still the prospect of something new interested him. We are the same way with many things.

At the beginning of Psalm 149, David tells us to sing a new song to the Lord. God likes new songs from His people. But hasn't He heard all the songs there are to hear? He knows about all kinds of music, lyrics and hooks. He created music for us, so it seems like there would not be any new song that He could hear. But if we praise God and sing to Him in a way that we never have before for something that He has done or just our appreciation of who He is, then that is a new song. Let's sing a host of new songs together in 2012. Let us come together and praise Him with the dance, the timbrel and the harp. Let us rejoice in our Maker, our King.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who sang, helped and worshipped with us on December 18 as the choir presented *We Have Our Savior*. It was a great time of worship and praise to our Savior and King, the Lord Jesus Christ. I am humbled to serve alongside some great lead worshippers in the Adult Choir. I praise the Lord for their dedication and commitment that shone through as they sang to the Lord. I am also humbled to serve with some great Audio and Video team members. We couldn't have done this without you! A big thank you also goes out to Kim Harlow for helping with the narration. The Lord has been gracious to us here at GRBC! We are blessed with many men and women who desire to serve and be used for the glory of the Most High God!

The thought of singing a new song to the Lord may scare you. You may think, "I can't sing" or "God would not want to hear my song!" But you are wrong. He desires to hear from each of us. We sing a song to Him by opening our mouths and belting out the praise as well as living our lives for His glory. What kind of song are you singing every day? Is it a joyful song of praise, or a discouraged song of frustration or apathy? Let us live our lives and sing new songs of praise to our God every chance we get!

Serving together for His glory,

Pastor David

Mark Your Calendar...



Business Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 pm

Senior Adult Luncheon

Saturday, January 21, 11:30 am

Deacons Meeting

Sunday, January 22, 4 pm

GROW Outreach Night

Monday, February 6

5:30 pm - Meal

6:30 pm - Outreach

LIFE Classes Begin

Wednesday, February 15

Scripture for January

“Oh, sing to the
LORD a new song!
For He has done
marvelous things”

Psalm 98:1a (NKJV)

Birthdays – January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Kenzie Deel Emaleigh King	2 Hilda Weeks	3 Michelle Moffit Noah Perdue Jack Ray Marie White Betty Whitlow	4 Brooke Butler Phillip Sandy	5 Matt Sterner	6 Connie Atkins Eli Unterwagner	7 Paul Senecal
8 Elisabeth Bass Matt Bass	9 Melissa Richardson	10 Felicia Branham Melissa Kennedy Norma Stevens	11 Andy Binner Everett Palmer Aaron Rice	12 Ida Jane Conner Carl Hall Jarred Lutz	13 Joshua Beckett Misty McGuire Sam Robinson	14 Peyton Deel
15 Terry Agnew Jeff Hill Vince Seneker	16 Dean Ratliff	17 David Fertitta Deborah Wright	18 Corin Vaughn	19	20 Brandon Amos Liyang Bishop Gale Wright	21
22 Amanda Ginter Fran Light	23 Noah Beckett Betty Bradley William Creger Brian Weikel	24 Emma Bishop	25 Regina Bishop Mackenzie Martin Betty Massie	26 Joshua Adkins	27 Tom Boyer	28 Jan Bitrick Annalee Johnson Leigh Ann King Catherine Murray Linda Seneker
29 Debbie Short Terry Hutchinson Andrew Johnson Beverly St. Clair Martha Thompson	30 Sarah Fitton	31 Greg Short David Atkins				

NURSERY SCHEDULE

January 1

8:15 am: Denise Sutphin, Martha Ellis

10:55am:

Babies– Becky Petty, Deanna Cutting

1's– Bobby & Regina Bishop

2's– Bobby & Cathy Parrish

3's– Russ & Deb Bishop

January 8

8:15am: Becky & Ashlee Hood

10:55am:

Babies– Stephanie Jennings, Cheyenne Gordon

1's– Connie Nelson, Connor Johnson

2's– Nathan & Kristan Brown

3's– Chris Patterson, Lori Ashwell

January 15

8:15am: Andrew & Erin Holben

10:55am:

Babies– Maggie Smith, Judy Foutz

1's– Leigh Ann King, Amber Talback

January 15 (continued)

2's– Joyce Sweeney, Brooke & Lauren Butler

3's– Annalee, Chloe & Abigail Johnson

January 22

8:15am: Mark & Angie Patterson

10:55am:

Babies– Ryan & Mary Beth McClanahan

1's– Cindy & Kelsey Jarrett

2's– Terri & Abby Simpkins

3's– Missy, Triston & Izik Duncan

January 29

8:15am: Pat Robertson, Charlene Walton

10:55am:

Babies– Lori Peters, Keith Brandenburg

1's– Leigh, Charleigh & Jessie Roberts

2's– Wilson & Nichole Waldron

3's– Adam & Erin Semler

P R E S C H O O L W O R S H I P

January

01: Linda & Chase Barlow

08: Jeff & Ashley Beckett

15: Melissa Kennedy, Joanne Tranquille

22: Kevin & Lori Peters

29: Sheri & Lindsay Umberger

C H I L D R E N ' S W O R S H I P

January

01: Tara McNees, Leighann Boyer

08: Stephanie Honaker, Connie Atkins

15: Steve & Katrenna Sandy

22: Melissa Reed, Marney Heath

29: Leigh Ann King, Mary Smith, Heath Wright

JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Pastor David Preaching</p> <p>No Evening Activities</p>	<p>2 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>3 3:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>4 6:30 Discipleship & Prayer</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 12 for 12 6:30 am - 6:30 pm PRAYER</p> <p>6:30 - 8:00 Praise Service</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 State of the Church Message 9:45 Adult New Members Class Week 1 12:30 FH Youth Leadership Meeting 12:30 OFH WOL Olympians Leaders Mtg</p> <p>5:00 Intentional Discipleship Training (Masterlife) 6:00 TRANSFORM-Fresh Encounter WOL - Children/Students</p>	<p>9 Matt @ SEBTS this week</p> <p>3:00 pm ALS caregivers group</p>	<p>10 3:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 Stewardship</p>	<p>11 6:30 Discipleship & Prayer</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:45 Adult New Members Class Week 2 Pastor Scott to preach in both services</p> <p>5:00 pm Connect Leadership Meeting 6:00 TRANSFORM-Fresh Encounter WOL-Children/Students 7:32 Youth to CiCi's</p>	<p>16 <i>Newsletter Articles Due for February & March</i></p>	<p>17 3:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 Building and Grounds</p>	<p>18 6:30 Quarterly Business Session</p>	<p>19 Matt @ SEBTS Orientation</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 10:30 - SAM Planning Meeting 11:30 FH Senior Adult Luncheon</p> <p>3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved (Contact: L.Parsons)</p>
<p>22 9:45 Adult New Members Class Week 3</p> <p>4:00 Deacons Meeting 6:00 TRANSFORM-Fresh Encounter WOL- Children/Students</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 3:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>25 6:30 Discipleship & Prayer</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 YOUTH EVENT Bonfire @ 6:14 pm</p>
<p>29 9:45 Adult New Members Class Week 4</p> <p>5:00 Intentional Discipleship Training (Masterlife)</p> <p>6:00 TRANSFORM-Fresh Encounter WOL- Children/Students</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 3:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>SUNDAY SCHEDULE 8:15 AM WORSHIP 9:45 AM CONNECT GROUPS 10:55 AM WORSHIP 5:00 PM Youth Choir/Youth Praise Band 6:00 PM TRANSFORM Word of Life—Children & Students</p> </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 6:00 PM PRAISE BAND PRACTICE 6:30 PM DISCIPLESHIP/PRAYER Childcare (Birth—age 3) KIDZ PRAISE (Age 4 - Grade 5) LIFESAVERS (Grades 6 - 12) 7:45PM Adult Choir Practice</p> </div>	

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FROM PASTOR ERIC



Word of Life—Sundays at 5:55 pm RESUMES JANUARY 8

Gopher Buddies: 4 yrs - Kindergarten
Olympians: Grades 1-5

We desire to impact the lives of children with the Word of God in a fun and dynamic way. We want children to have the time of their lives while engrafting the Word of God into their lives, using **Bible Study, Quiet Time, Scripture Memory, Christian Service & an Incentive Program.** Our goal is to communicate biblical truth to children for the purpose of lasting life change and to provide a strong base so they can build on that foundation for the rest of their lives. Scripture tells us to be ready always to give an answer for the reason of our hope. Young people need to know the Bible, not just about it.

Jan 8 *Acing the Big Test* (James 1:3) – What will trials bring me?

Jan 15 *Me First or God First* (James 4:10) – Why should I humble myself?

Jan 22 *Hey, What'd Ya Say?* (John 13:17) – Is it enough for me just to hear God's Word?

WHITE-OUT NIGHT—Dress in all white.

Jan 29 *Impostors, People Pleasers or Friends?* (1 John 5:3) – How can I show my love for God in a way that will please Him?

kidz praise Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:30 pm

Kidz Praise brings musical goals, biblical truths, and Scriptures to life through kid-friendly music, colorful visual aids, movement, hands-on activities, and great song-teaching techniques—all designed to help children become **life-long worshippers of God.** The praise songs learned are biblically sound and teach children in an effective way about following Christ.

JAM CLUB NEWS

No events for January.
Will resume in February.



CHILDREN'S CAMP

**July 2-5 @ Washington & Lee
University**

Please be aware that the actual cost for each child to go to camp is about \$170.00. The church has been paying about \$100.00 of that cost for each child for years. We will be asking people to help out with scholarships to help offset this expense.

For more information please contact Eric Roberts 397-4336 or erobertsgrbcsbc@gmail.com.

END OF YEAR GIVING AT GREEN RIDGE

Since Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year, many people will opt to stay at home with family which will significantly affect our end of year giving. Therefore the Green Ridge office will receive tithes and offerings the following Tuesday & Wednesday from 9 am till 5 pm. These can be given by dropping by the church office and giving your envelope manually to our Ministry Assistant, Ellen Carawan, our Secretary, Michele Rice, OR you can put it in the mail by Christmas Eve and hope that it will arrive **by Wednesday, December 28.**

We just made a principal payment on our "Together We Make a Difference" loan of \$18,000! Our TWMD loan

balance is now down to \$200,000. Our end of year giving will affect what we can do "extra" out of our 2011 budget for any other important items for the future. We need to set back some money into an HVAC fund, some more for a fifteen passenger bus (not a van but a bus type of vehicle), and we also want to set a small amount back for Scott Hamilton and the Green Hill Church plant. All this is made possible by your end of the year undesignated giving to Green Ridge Baptist Church. Thanks for allowing the Lord to prompt you to give to this local body. God is doing MANY things in the lives of His people at "the Ridge". You are making an eternal difference!

STUDENT MINISTRY (Grades 6-12)

Hello Parents and GRBC Church Family!

Thank you for everything that you have done for me and my family, and thank you so much for all of your prayers! Please keep praying for the students as they continue to be challenged through scripture and as they receive holy conviction from the Holy Spirit. Pray for where God is calling each and every one of these students.

Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 pm

Right now we are continuing our journey on Wednesday nights through the book of James. James is a very difficult book to take on all at once, so I will be breaking the scripture down and taking the youth through a process of interpreting what the author was trying to convey and how it applies today. We will be looking at Daniel after we finish going through James.

Word of Life—Resumes Sunday, January 8 @ 6 pm

We will continue to look at the end times and the book of Revelation. In February we are looking forward to the *Teens Involved* event. This is a time where the youth get an opportunity to share their talents and gifts that God has given them.

Youth Newsletter

If you have not been receiving the Youth Newsletter, please, please, please send an email to me (msprinkle@grbcscb.com) with your name and email address so that I can keep you in the know about events. For those of you who are getting the newsletters, please continue to stay in check with them for information on upcoming events.

Love Y'all and God Bless,
Matt Sprinkle

UPCOMING EVENTS

SNOW TUBING -

Friday, December 30

We are going snow tubing at Winterplace. We will leave the church at 8:59 am and return by 7:39 pm. The cost is \$25/person which needs to be paid to Matt by *December 21*. You will also need to take money for a meal on the trip.



BONFIRE - Sat, Jan 28 @ 6:14 pm

We will meet at the church and then head over to the bonfire. We will return to the church at 9:31 pm.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY -

Saturday, March 3, 9:59 am - 3:01 pm

We will be having a Road Cleanup followed by a movie and burger afterwards!

CENTRIFUGE SUMMER CAMP @

RIDGECREST, NC - June 26-30

The total cost for camp is \$170. A discount is available for families that have more than 1 student attending camp. Please let Matt know ASAP if your student wants to go. To check out details on camp, go to www.fuge.com.

THE SCRIPTURES COME TO LIFE

20/20 COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

20/20 Collegiate Conference—February 3-4, 2012

All college-age adults, recent college grads and high school seniors are invited to attend this conference at Southeastern Seminary. There will be praise, worship, speakers and small groups sessions. Topics covered include:

- o In what way is the Bible “the true story of the whole world?”
- o Why should I trust the Bible?
- o What are some tools to help me read the more difficult passages in the Bible?
- o Why does the Bible matter for my college classes, future vocation, and leisure preferences?

GRBC Details:

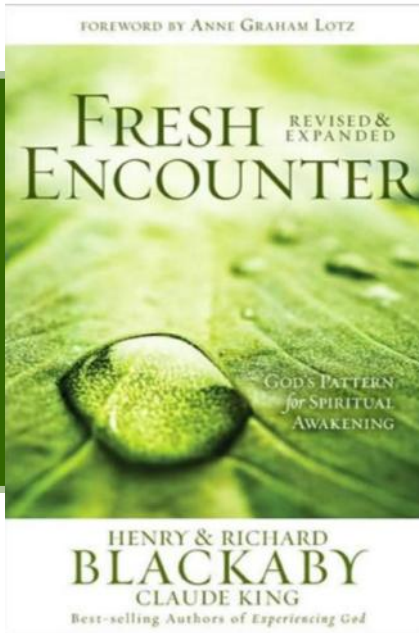
- ♦ Cost: \$40/person which includes the conference, hotel and Saturday breakfast and lunch.
- ♦ Extra money will be needed for two meals: dinner Friday night and dinner Saturday night.
- ♦ There will be 4 people to a room (for those who want some extra sleeping room, you may want to use a roll away or bring a sleeping bag).
- ♦ Leave from church: Friday at 1:59 pm
- ♦ Return to church: Saturday around 8 or 8:30 pm

For questions, see Matt Sprinkle.

TRANSFORM

Sunday Evenings @ 6:00 pm

Beginning January 8



Is your marriage as strong as you would like for it to be? Have you had struggles in parenting? Are you the witness you desire to be in the workplace? Are there relationships in your life that are broken? Have you been seeking God's will for your life?

This coming year the pastors are going to be doing something a little different on Sunday nights. We sense the Lord desiring us all to be closer together and living with God's purposes in our lives. We are excited to use Sunday nights to help accomplish this. Starting in January, we are going to have a little different format for Sunday nights called TRANSFORM. It will be a time of more intentional teaching and then small group discussion and prayer. We will begin January 8 at 6:00 PM with a six-week study called **FRESH ENCOUNTER**. Basically it is a review of some principles of RENEWAL and REVIVAL in our walk with Jesus. There is a book available for anyone who would like to purchase one. It would be a great tool to use in your personal time with Jesus during this time. Once this study is complete, we will move on to a study based on the book, *What Is the Gospel?* by Greg Gilbert. We are going to ask the Lord to use this time to bring us all together for His purposes and renew our walk with Him. The Lord is doing a fresh work in some people in the Green Ridge body. Our hope in doing this is to try and establish a closer connection and have a time of deeper teaching with the people we love!

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