



THE ENVOY

...telling the news of Blue Ridge Church

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*in honor of
their first grandchild,
Keelie Addison Treat,
daughter of
Christina Harrison Treat and
Rodney Treat.*



Coming up in worship

This Sunday, Pastor Ken's sermon will be "Seeking Truth - God's Word" Christian love of God includes listening for God's Word which comes through daily prayer and meditation, through the studying the ancient testimonies which we call Scripture, and through attending to God's present activity in the world.

*The scripture reading is:
2 Timothy 3:10-17*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE SIGN-UPS

The tables will go up Sunday, August 20, to give you your first chance to sign up for one of the many adult studies that will be offered as a part of Wednesday Night Live. There will be 4 Disciple Bible Studies offered, a new study on spiritual formation called Companions in Christ and a couple of life classes offered on strengthening our marriages and coping with grief. Look for the tables and do not miss the opportunity to participate in one of these transformational studies.

Logos will be for youth and children. This ministry helps bring God's word by equipping adult leaders to nurture youth and children into a lifetime of Christian discipleship. On Wednesdays, youth and children will be a part of "family" dinner, recreation, worship skills (i.e. music and the fine arts) and Bible study.

Class on Building Marriages

Firm Foundation, a small group ministry to help build marriages that last a lifetime, will begin on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30 p.m. and end on December 13 or 20. Call the Church Office to sign up.



The Littlest Angels To Be Revived

We are looking for a few volunteers to meet and plan how to revive The Littlest Angels ministry. This program supports families from Blue Ridge who are celebrating the birth of a baby. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, contact Karen Johnson at 353-1795.

Making the most.....

“Know What? God’s not the only one who loves you!” This is a message I am reminded every time I sit in my church office. It is on the frame of our family picture that Carla and Savanna gave to me. It is a message that I need to hear. It is a message that we as a church ministry must share with one another and to others out in our world. Telling the world that God loves them is important. Telling the world that we love them because Christ first loved us is important as well. During the next few Sundays we will be especially encouraging the registration of youth and children in the Wednesday night Logos ministry. Having a saving relationship with Christ is the most important thing in this life, and LOGOS seeks to nurture that relationship in youth and children. LOGOS is a ministry where adults, youth, and children learn to model Christ to each other in everything we do - where everyone is a child of God, and no one is treated as if they don’t matter. Don’t miss this great opportunity to embrace logos...and, as always, make the most as you live by faith...

...Russell Smith

Float-er Needed!

The Raytown Roundup Parade will be held on Saturday morning, September 23. We will be walking as a church in the parade, but as of yet do not have a float. If anyone has always wanted to do float art, here’s your chance!!!! Please call the church office to volunteer.

Cornerstone - Live!! On Stage!!!!



Cornerstone Praise Band will be performing at Doc’s Ice Cream, 5300 Blue Ridge Boulevard, on Saturday evening, August 26, from 7:00 p.m. until closing. Some tables will be available, but if you would like to come and listen you may want to bring a chair to insure a seat. All your favorite praise songs, Chet Roberts, his harmonica, and the Mann Band will also be featured in this free evening of entertainment.

Tailgate Sunday

This year Tailgate Sunday is planned for September 17. Last year over 600 persons attended a service of worship and the same format is planned for the 17th. Do you recall last year Dr. Lutgen’s first emphasis was on inviting others to come to church with you. Over 80% of those who come to a new church come because someone has personally invited them. Plan to invite someone on September 17.

A Member Writes:

Dear Blue Ridge Boulevard UMC:

My son, Matthew J. Coulson is presently serving in the U.S. Army as a career soldier, and has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel! He is stationed in Manheim, Germany, after serving a year in the Middle East. If you would like to write him, his address is: Lieutenant Colonel Matthew J. Coulson, CMR 435, P.O. Box 1106, APO, AE 09086-1106.

Matthew sang in the church angel choir. He was baptized in the church at age 11, and was in the scout troupe there, and received his God and Country there. He and his wife, Denna, were married there and now have two wonderful children, Matthew Tylar, 13 years old, and Makella Marie, 7 years old.

Our family would like for the church family to remember Matthew and his family in your prayers while serving our country.

Thank you and God Bless!

Matthew’s mom... Cheri Coulson

Coming Next Week...

Sunday, August 20

Worship Times: 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes: 9:30 or 10:45

- † Amish Friendship Bread Table in entry area at south end
- † 10:40-11:00 a.m., Communion in Chapel
- † Kitchen Shower between Services, Beatitudes Entry Area
- † **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE** Sign-Up
- † 12:00noon, Logos Training, FH
- † 3:00 p.m., reStart
- † 4:00 p.m., Adult Work Camp Meeting, Room 221

Monday, August 21

- † 9:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., Break Time Club, Fellowship Hall
- † 7:00 p.m., MOBR Plan for Spaghetti Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- † 7:00 p.m., Boy & Cub Scouts, Hobbs Hall

Tuesday, August 22

- † 6:30 p.m., Cornerstone
- † 6:30 p.m., Finance, Room 221
- † 7:15 p.m., Trustees, Conference Rm

Wednesday, August 23

- † 12:30 p.m. Connecting Hands, Room 221

Thursday, August 24

- † 6:00 p.m. Study Committee, Rm 221

Friday, August 25

- † Dusk, Family Movie Night, Parking Lot

Saturday, August 26

- † 7:00 p.m. Cornerstone sings at Doc's Ice Cream

Youth Information:



Sunday, August 20

- † 9:30 a.m., Mid High Sunday School, meet in Sanctuary, then go to class
- † 10:30 a.m., *The Last Cup* Coffee House
- † 11:00 a.m., Senior High Sunday School
- † Evening activity: "Last Supper" before school starts. Meet at church at 4:00 with \$\$ for dinner. Return at 6:00.

Saturday, August 26

- † Meet at church at 6:50 p.m. to go to Doc's to hear Cornerstone

Second Annual Used Book Sale

Used books are being collected in a box in the entry area for the Shepherd's Center 2nd Annual Used Book Sale to be held at Blue Ridge Presbyterian, 6429 Blue Ridge Boulevard, on Sept. 29 and 30. (Please no Reader's Digest Condensed Books.)

If you would like to volunteer to assist with the Used Book Sale, don't hesitate to contact the Shepherd's Center Office at 356-9000. This is a fundraiser for the Shepherd's Center of Raytown which provides 15 programs and services for the older adults of the Raytown community on a daily basis.

Wedding Photos on Website

All the wedding photos that were submitted for Wedding Anniversary Sunday are now "for your viewing pleasure" on the church website: www.blueridgechurch.org

Sign Up for Pictorial Directory

Call Debbie Jacques at 356-5710 for available times. Photo shoots will be August 29, 30, 31 and September 1.

Look for the Garden Produce Table

Bring your surplus garden harvest to the Garden Produce Table for "purchase" by folks hungry for fresh home-grown produce. Purchase price is actually a free will donation – a first-come, first-to-enjoy event. So if the fresh produce is gone when you get to church, check next week. Proceeds are passed on to agencies which fight to eliminate hunger.

Homemade Ice Cream Social



The Annual Homemade Ice Cream Social Fundraiser sponsored by the Adult Work Cmap Group is Sunday, August 27, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are being sold in the church entry area; cost is \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children with a maximum of \$10.00 for a family.

Pastor's Corner:

The Church is in the process of updating our pictorial directory. Some of you might remember that we just did this a couple of years ago and wonder why we need a new directory? Over the course of these past few years we have undergone many changes in our church family including a number of changes in staff. With all these changes someone new coming to the church might wonder if they looked at the old directory, if they were in the right place? In a church this size the directory is of great value for those who are new to get to know the names of those of you who are active in the life of the church. Please make every effort to get your and families picture in this directory. You do not have to be an official member to get in this directory all you need to do is call this your church home. Debbie Jacques has volunteered to get as many of you as possible in the directory so give her a call and claim us as your church family. One added feature is now we have the capacity to add your picture to our data base which really helps us in all the areas of our church life.

Wednesday Night Live will begin one month from this coming Sunday on September 20th. We have been holding a LOGOS moment each week to share this new youth and children's program which will be offered this fall. This Sunday there will be opportunities for you to become involved in an Adult Study. Tables will be at the back of the sanctuary to give you an opportunity to participate in one of the many small group studies being offered. I have observed as a pastor of this congregation that many of you have become rather passive in your discipleship. I am sure there are all kinds of reasons that can be given for this. The reasons are important but what is needed today is for us to find ways to reengage the members of this church in its ministry. It is my hope that at least 100 adults will step forth this fall and sign up to participate in one of these small groups. We are never too old to grow in our discipleship and if you pray about this you will find there is a place here for you to be involved.

... *Ken Lutgen, Jr.*

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- As of August 14, the following member has been reported in an area hospital: Betty Franklin at Research Medical Center.
- Our sympathy to Mary Ann Ecker in the death of her sister-in-law in Sedan, KS.
- Our prayers are with Wilma Eubank; her son, David Eubank, is in the Critical Burn Unit of K.U. Medical Center.
- Congratulations to Gary and Elaine Sidebottom on their 40th wedding anniversary and Bob and Barbara Burks on their 57th wedding anniversary.
- On August 13th, we welcomed John Rankin, Dorothy Straw and Rhonda Straw to our church family.

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