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Newsletter Deadline
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Newsletter deadline for May 2024 is April 20th
EMAIL US AT:
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 Remember to limit your words to 175 & have your information in by the 20th of each month.

Mark's Memo:

I hope and pray each of you and each of our churches had a wonderful Resurrection Sunday worship celebration.

Please keep our Guatemala Mission Team in your prayers. We will be leaving on April 2 and returning on April 7. Pray for safe travels and safety while serving; pray for Jason & Kelly Harts Ministry there in Guatemala; and pray the Holy Spirit would soften hearts of those our team will encounter while in country and throughout our travels.

I want to inform our pastors and churches of two upcoming training events being held here at Blood River Baptist Association.

→Personalize The Mission: Mobilizing Every Member as a Witness, April 29, 6:00 p.m., Blood River Baptist Association; Led By Dr. Kenny Rager, KBC Evangelism Consultant

→There Is Hope For Your Church: Church Revitalization Workshop, May 13, 6:30 p.m., Blood River Baptist Association, with Dr. Ian Carrico, Bro. Ryan Baker, Pastor, Oscar Baptist Church, and Bro. Keith Allred, Pastor, Chief Cornerstone Baptist, Mayfield.

These workshops are for pastors; deacons; and church members that want to see their churches healthy and growing. I hope many of you will plan on participating. Your gifts to the Cooperative Program and to Blood River Baptist Association are covering the cost, so there no cost for you to participate. However, you are asked to register for the Hope For Your Church conference at the KBC Website: <https://kentuckybaptist-ccr.regfox.com/there-is-hope-for-your-church-church-revitalization-workshop-ian>.

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark E. Sickling



April, 2024

1st-6th		Mission trip to Guatemala
7th		Baptism Sunday
10th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
11th	6:30 p.m.	Quarterly Executive Board Mtg @ Pleasant Hope
12th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
12th-13th		KYWMU Annual Mtg in Hopkinsville KY
13th	8:00 a.m.	Brotherhood Breakfast @ Flint Baptist
15th		TAX DAY !!!!!
19th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
19th-20th		Disaster Relief Training in Richmond KY (must register @ kybaptist.org/dr)
22nd	7:00 p.m.	WMU Quarterly Mtg @ Memorial Baptist
26th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
29th	6:00 p.m.	Evangelism Trng w/Dr. Kenny Rager @ BRBA Office

May, 2024 (Mark your calendar)

2nd		National Day of Prayer
3rd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
5th		SBC Seminary Sunday
8th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
10th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
10th-11th		Jerusalem Project
12th		Mother's Day
13th	6:30 p.m.	Church Revive Training @ BRBA Office
15th	7:30 a.m.	Pastor's Breakfast @ Four Seasons in Hardin
17th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
18th		Armed Forces Day
19th		Children's Ministry Sunday
24th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
27th		Memorial Day (Office Closed)
31st	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

Churches Currently without Pastors

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| Elva | New Providence |
| Locust Grove | Oak Level |
| New Bethel | Old Salem Road |
| New Mt. Carmel | Pleasant Valley |
| Spring Creek | |

*Fear not, for I am with you;
 Be not dismayed, for I am your God.
 I will strengthen you,
 Yes, I will help you,
 I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'
 Isaiah 41:10*

Bags of Hope Pantry list for APRIL

- Altona--beef stew & pork-n-beans
- Bethel--chili & canned tomatoes
- Bethlehem--vienna sausage & canned tomatoes
- Briensburg--ravioli & pork-n-beans
- Cherry Corner--manwich/sloppy joe sauce & blacked eyed peas
- Elva--ravioli & canned tomatoes
- Flint--instant potatoes & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Gilbertsville--ravioli & bars of soap
- Grace--peanut butter & pork-n-beans
- Hamlet--soup & canned potatoes
- Hazel--peanut butter & mixed vegetables
- Holly Hills--hamburger helper & instant potatoes
- Kirksey--canned chicken & jiffy corm muffin
- Lakeview--vienna sauage & soup
- Ledbetter--chili & pork-n-beans
- Locust Grove--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Memorial--instant potatoes & mixed vegetables
- New Bethel--chili & vienna sausage
- New Harmony--beef stew & jiffy corn muffin mix
- New Zion--spam & soup
- Northside--soup & pancake mix
- Oak Grove--chili & pork-n-beans
- Olive--ravioli & instant potatoes
- Owens Chapel--hamburger helper & fruit snacks for kids
- Pleasant Hope--soup & peanut butter
- Salem--chili & instant potatoes
- Sinking Springs--canned tomatoes & soup
- Spring Creek--chili & black eyed peas
- Sugar Creek--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Union Ridge--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- West Fork--hamburger helper & jiffy corn muffin mix

Bags of Hope Ministry

In February we were able to help **294** families, **23** of those were new. We gave out **3,409** food items, **214** bread, and **172** personal hygiene items. Also, praise the Lord we had 1 person who came to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!!! Thank you for your continued support for this ministry, without your support we could not do this ministry. Remember the volunteers in prayer.
 Thank you and God Bless.

Bags of Hope

Hours for Food & Clothing: Monday & Thursday 1 - 4 p.m.
 Food donations can still be donated at the Association Office
 Monday- Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30 p.m. if more convenient.
 Phone: 270-252-9266

Prayer Request

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Our Leaders	Sister Churches	Our Youth
Our Country	Our Schools	The Sick
The Lost	Each Other	Missionaries
Our Pastors	Our Teachers	

Churches without Pastors

Blood River Review

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

2024
 SEPTEMBER 14 Crestwood
 APRIL 20 Richmond
 MARCH 16 Madisonville
 OCTOBER 5 Corbin

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING
 REGISTER AT KYBAPTIST.ORG/DR

Regional DR Training
 First Baptist Church, Richmond KY
 April 19-20, 2024
 Must register at kybaptist.org/disaster-relief/

Evangelism Training Event
 April 29 - 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 @ BRBA Office
Personalize the Mission
Mobilizing Every Member as a Witness in Their Circles of Influence
 With Dr. Kenny Rager
 Church Evangelism Strategist,
 KBC EVANGELISM TEAM

April Birthdays

- 4th Karen Oates, Lake View
- 6th Heaven Shropshire, Bethlehem
- 10th Johnny Coffenberry, Hamlet
- 14th Terry Josleyn, Ferguson Springs
- 17th Hermelina Alvarez, El Manantial
- 17th Rick Miller, Symsonia
- 21st Ed Chapman, Scott's Grove
- 27th Kathy Frizzell, New Mt. Carmel

April Wedding Anniversaries

- 11th Jordan & Hailey Roach, Hazel
- 24th Shawn & Kili Hanes, Kirksey

April Church Anniversaries

- First Sunday**
 Kim Reeder, Grace (2016)
- Second Sunday**
 Damian Alvarez, El Manantial (2013)
 Jack Kee, Union Ridge (2016)
- Fourth Sunday**
 Glenn Cope, Flint (2010)

meeting
 NOTICE
Quarterly Executive Board Meeting
 April 11, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.
 Pleasant Hope Baptist Church
 1185 Barge Island Road
 Benton KY

April Pastor's Prayer Times



- 5th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
- 12th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
- 19th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
- 26th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office

Hazel

On March 17th we had KIDS TAKEOVER SUNDAY!! This Lord's Day was certainly a day beyond anyone's expectations. There was 130 in Sunday School, 219 in the worship service and more than 30 kids, ages 3-Grade 5 who led in worship. God used these children in a mighty way to read scripture, quote from memory all the disciples, lead singing and take up the offering. We can't express our gratitude enough to those who work with them every week. THEY WERE AMAZING and God, as always, was in this service. Plans are being finalized for the Mountain View Baptist Camp mission trip which will be May 26-31, 2024, and 38 have signed up to go. Please begin praying for these who are willing to serve Mountain View Baptist Camp. Prayers for all our sister churches, especially those searching for pastors.

In Matthew 19:14, "Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven".

New Bethel

Here at New Bethel, our Sunday and Wednesday night Youth Boys Class has been collecting donated, non-perishable food items, and are filling our area's Blessing Boxes to help those in need. Our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is ongoing, and this Offering supports our North American Missionaries, with 100% going to our Missionaries in the United States and Canada. On Saturday March 9th, we hosted a Karate Tournament in our FLC, with our Youth Group taking care of the concessions as a fund raiser—a very successful tournament and fund raiser. We are having our Annual Easter Egg Hunt here on the Church grounds, Saturday March 23rd at 11:00 a.m. for ages Infant to 6th Grade, and lunch will be served. Our Young at Heart Seniors will be going on their monthly outing on Thursday April 11th. Easter Sunday is March 31st, as we celebrate our Risen Savior, Christ Jesus. Pray for our great country and all world leaders.

"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matthew 28:6

Salem

Spring is here! Salem Baptist has had another youth saved! We had a baptismal service Sunday for the two youth saved last month. Praise His Holy Name! We appreciate and are thankful for each person who has played any role in planting the seed.

Our pancake breakfast is Saturday, March 30th, starting at 9 a.m. with the Easter egg hunt to follow at 10 a.m. Our Homecoming is set for April 21st with Brother Mike Littrell, then lunch will follow around noon. The Morehead's will begin worship in song around 1:30 p.m. Our May revival with Brother Caleb Lindsey will be here soon, also. More details to come!
"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12

Spring Creek

It seems like our church is always going through up and down situations. The great news is that the Lord has always been with us. March was an up month for us. We had great preaching during the month. We had the honor of ordaining Bro. Webb Cunningham as a pastor. This is the first time a pastor ordination service has occurred at our church in many years. Easter is always a great time for us. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is what our faith is all about. Pray for the lost, time is short.

Bible Quiz - Test Your Knowledge

- 1) Who was the apostle Peter's brother?
 a. Andrew b. Simon c. Paul d. James
- 2) Who was Moses' assistant?
 a. Joshua b. Aaron c. Miriam d. Jethro
- 3) Which of the following is NOT one of Noah's sons?
 a. Japheth b. Lamech c. Shem d. Ham
- 4) Which woman betrayed the strongest man in the Bible?
 a. Deborah b. Delilah c. Miriam d. Salome

Answers: (1) a. Andrew; (2) a. Joshua; (3) b. Lamech; (4) b. Delilah; (5) b. Cana

There is Hope for Your Church

CHURCH REVITALIZATION WORKSHOP

Monday, May 13TH // 6:30PM-8:00PM CST

BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OFFICE
 47 Aurora Highway
 Hardin, KY 42048

Speakers

BRO. MARK SICKLING
 DOM, Blood River Baptist Association

BRO. RYAN BAKER
 Pastor, Oscar Baptist Church

BRO. KEITH ALLRED
 Pastor, Chief Cornerstone Baptist Church

IAN CARRICO
 West Regional Consultant, KY Baptist Convention



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2024 KY WMU Missions Celebration & Annual Meeting
 April 12-13, 2024
 First Baptist Church
 1400 S. Main Street
 Hopkinsville KY

Brotherhood Breakfast
 April 13th, 2024 @ 8:00 a.m.
 At Flint Baptist Church

April 22, 2024
WMU God's mission. Our passion.
 Quarterly Meeting
 Memorial Baptist @ 7:00 p.m.

BOOMER & SENIOR Celebration
 APRIL 23 & 25

Thursday April 25, First Baptist Church, Dawson Springs
 \$20 per person by April 15; \$25 after April 15.
 Register at <https://www.kybaptist.org/celebration/>