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Newsletter deadline for September 2023 is August 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:

As I sit here at my computer writing this article, I can't believe summer is just about over. Teachers, Administrators, and students are preparing to go back to school soon. I hope you will take some time to pray for their safety this academic year. Also, I encourage you to pray that our Christian teachers in the public and private schools in our area will be a positive influence on students and staff that are not believers.

Dr. Dan Summerlin, former KBC President, and retired pastor of Lone Oak FBC will be our guest speaker for our annual Pastor/Wife and Deacon/Wife Dinner on August 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. here at the offices of Blood River Baptist Association. Please RSVP the number from your church that will attend to 270-437-4203 by August 8, 2023, so we can ensure our caterer has an accurate number to prepare to feed.

New Zion Baptist Church has agreed to host this year's Sr. Adult Rally on September 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP to 270-437-4203 by September 1. Tickets are \$7.00 each and may be paid for at the door. More information about this event will be shared later, but I hope you will make your plans to attend.

Our On Mission Celebration, scheduled for October 15-16 is quickly approaching. I will be sharing information about participating missionaries through email and social media in the coming weeks, but I hope you will make plans to attend

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark E. Sickling

2023 SENIOR ADULT RALLY



September 8, 2023
4:00 p.m.
Cost \$7/per person
@ New Zion Baptist Church
Must RSVP to 270-437-4203 by
September 1, 2023
With the total attending from
your church

Happy Birthday August

- 2nd Greg Cagle, Spring Creek
- 2nd Roger Rice, Elva
- 4th Chrystie Chapman, Scott's Grove
- 6th Brandon Bramlett, Locust Grove
- 22nd Ginger Severns, Memorial
- 22nd Rick Yarbrough, Ledbetter
- 23rd James Oates, Lakeview
- 27th Kyle McKinney, Pleasant Valley
- 29th Randy Kuykendall, West Fork
- 31st Phillip Bazzell, Sugar Creek

Church Anniversary

- First Sunday**
Mark Sickling, BRBA (2017)
- Second Sunday**
Todd Dotson, Olive (2013)
Mike Farmer, Vanzora (2016)
Terry Josleyn, Ferguson Springs (2020)
- Fifth Sunday**
Duane Holland, Holly Hills (2010)

August Wedding Anniversaries

- 2nd Brad & Robin Walker, Briensburg
- 3rd Ronnie & Lisa Burkeen, Cherry Corner
- 4th Roger & Janice Rice, Elva
- 9th Larry & Ann Salmon, Cold Water
- 13th Jonathan & Erin Clark, MSU BSU



Prayer Requests

- Our Leaders Sister Churches Our Youth
- Our Country** Our Schools The Sick
- The Lost Each Other Missionaries
- Our Pastors Our Teachers
- Churches without Pastors**

Bags of Hope Pantry list for AUGUST

- Altona--chili & saltine crackers
- Bethel--beef stew & bars of soap
- Bethlehem--pork-n-beans & bars of soap
- Briensburg--instant potatoes & saltine crackers
- Cherry Corner--pork-n-beans & bars of soap
- Elva--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Flint--spam & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Gilbertsville--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Grace--canned tomatoes & canned pinto beans
- Hamlet--vienna sausage & instant potatoes
- Hazel--canned white beans & canned tomatoes
- Holly Hills--beef stew & canned tomatoes
- Kirksey--vienna sausage & bars of soap
- Lakeview--spam & canned tomatoes
- Ledbetter--chili & saltine crackers
- Locust Grove--beef stew & canned potatoes
- Memorial--dry white beans & canned red beans
- New Bethel--chili & indiv wrapped pnb & crackers
- New Harmony-- spam & indiv wrapped pnb & crackers
- New Zion--chicken-n-dumplings & black eyed peas
- Northside--chicken-n-dumplings & indiv wrapped pnb & crackers
- Oak Grove--chili & canned red beans
- Olive--ravioli & bars of soap
- Owens Chapel--chili & saltine crackers
- Pleasant Hope--spam & canned pinto beans
- Salem--ravioli & bars of soap
- Sinking Springs--beef stew & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Spring Creek--canned tomatoes & black eyed peas
- Sugar Creek--ravioli & vienna sausage
- Union Ridge --chicken-n-dumplings & vienna sausage
- West Fork--beef stew & jiffy corn muffin mix

Bags of Hope Ministry

In June we were able to help **279** people, **27** of those were new. We gave out **2,768** food items, **70** bread, and **129** personal hygiene items.

We were able to share the gospel with **46** people.

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 2-5 pm
 Food donations can still be donated at the Association Office
 Monday- Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm if more convenient.
 Phone: 270-252-9266

Churches Currently without Pastors

- Bethlehem New Providence
- Elva New Zion
- New Bethel Oak Grove
- New Mt. Carmel Old Salem Road

NOTICE

Former Calloway County Church Histories Being Collected

The Calloway County Genealogical and Historical Society have undertaken an effort to identify all extinct churches in Calloway County. Volunteers are working to find all former congregations and we need of assistance from the public. If you have any historic records, general information, or photographs of a former church in Calloway County, we are accepting items now. Please contact Bobbie Smith Bryant at bobbiebryant40@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions is September 15, 2023.

Blood River Review

AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



August, 2023

1st		Begin Freeda Harris Toy Drive
4th		Deadline for Scholarship Applications
4th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
6th		Send Relief Sunday
8th	5:00 p.m.	Scholarship Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
9th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA
11th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
12th	6:00 p.m.	Deacon/Wife & Pastor/Wife Dinner @ BRBA
18th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
25th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
27th		Global Hunger Sunday
29th	5:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee Mtg @ BRBA

September, 2023 (mark your calendar)

1st	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
4th		Labor Day (Office Closed)
8th	4:00 p.m.	Senior Adult Rally @ New Zion Baptist
8th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
10th		Happy Grandparent's Day
11th		Deadline all ACP's to be turned into Office
12th	5:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
13th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee mtg @ BRBA Office
15th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
16th		Children's Mission Day
20th	7:30 a.m.	Pastor's Breakfast @ Four Little Pigs, Benton
22nd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
23rd	8:00 a.m.	Men/Boys Breakfast @ Memorial Baptist
23rd		First Day of Fall !!!
29th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office



**August
Pastor's Prayer Times**

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18th	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
25th	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
On Mission Celebration
 October 15 -16, 2023
 Sunday - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Briensburg Baptist and Northside Baptist)
 Monday - 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Briensburg Baptist)
 Be inspired by missionary testimonies from Dr. Eric Gibbs and Dr. Nik Ripken. Learn how you & your church can partner with missionaries and enjoy a time of worship with other followers of Christ.



Freeda Harris Toy Drive 2023

August 1 - October 29

New toys - for boys/girls

6 months - 16 yrs old

DO NOT WRAP

Toys due at churches - October 29

Toys due to BRBA - November 1

Toys to be packed @ BRBA office

November 2 @ 9:00 a.m.

NEED WRAPPING PAPER/TAPE

18 x 16 x 18 Medium moving boxes



Contact the office if you can't pick it up

ACP's are ready to be picked up

The deadline for completion is 9/11/23

If they are completed online, please notify the office once you have submitted it.

If you have questions, please call the office at 270-437-4203

HAZEL:

We want to welcome to our church family by baptism Katie Clinger. In VBS \$13,622 plus 2,000 food items were raised for the Blessings Box in Hazel. The long-awaited move to get back into our remodeled sanctuary is quickly approaching. Plans are being made to be in on July 30, 2023, and a potluck will be after the service. Our attendance in Sunday School and worship services has been increasing and we are giving God Almighty the glory for each thing He has done. May God bless you all.

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will put my trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower". Psalm 18:2-3

NEW BETHEL:

On Sunday June 25th, here at New Bethel, our Sunday Night Service was Eric Horner in Concert, and his Message in Music was great. On July 11th, a good group of our Young at Heart Seniors traveled to The Pond in Aurora for their monthly outing, with a lot of fun, great food and fellowship. Our Pastor Search Committee is still looking for the Pastor that God has in mind to lead us, and in the meantime, we have been blessed with messages from Bro. Logsdon, Bro. Mark Sickling, Bro. Joey Harrison and Bro. Neal Cole, and bible studies with Bro. David Belcher and Bro. Kevin Groves. We are beginning a bus ministry, that will be starting on Sunday August 6th. We will be participating in the Freeda Harris Toy Drive which begins on August 1st and our folks always give generously to this great ministry. Please keep all our Churches, Pastors, Schools, Kids, our Great Country and all our Leaders in your Prayers.

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding". Jeremiah 3:15

SALEM:

Our two-day trip to the Ark and Creation Museum was very rewarding and informative. We saw so many interesting exhibits. The replica of the Ark was amazing craftsmanship. It was a memorable trip! Vacation Bible School the last week of June was fun and rewarding! Our fearless leader, Lori Callihan, stayed busy organizing and planning for five nights of "Twists and Turns"! We had an average of 50 adults and children each night. The Lord blessed us with good weather, and even with an afternoon rain and cool down on Thursday, the children enjoyed the fire trucks spraying them with water! Seeds were planted, and one little girl got saved the following Sunday at her home church. On July 16 we celebrated Bro. Frankie and Kristina's two year anniversary at Salem. We appreciate all they do in their ministry. Our pianist, Denise Windsor, played a special, "Oh What a Saviour." and we were blessed to have a missionary from India speak at our morning service. He had so much information to share about the persecution that continues for Christians in India. As many as 70 pastors are being killed each month. Churches are demolished. Homes are burglarized. The children need food and clean water. Their needs are many, and they need our financial support to continue to spread the Good News. Contact Bro. Frankie if your church would like to help.

"My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed." Psalm 71:23 KJV

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13

SUGAR CREEK:

We hope everyone is having a great Summer and spending lots of time with their families, enjoying the many blessings from God. We recently had our "Fun Day" it was a great time, thank you to all the people involved in planning that event. As I am writing this we are planning to have our ice cream social soon, July 30th, we look forward to that event every year, who doesn't love homemade ice cream? August 12th will be our cruise-in and cookout at 10:30am. We would love to see the community come out and enjoy looking at the cars and fellowship with one another. We want to remember the youth and all the teachers in our prayers as they start back to school this year, that they be the light in this world. We would love to have you join us at Sugar Creek Baptist Church. Bro. Phillip shares what God lays on his heart every Sunday morning at 9:30am and Wednesday and Sunday evening at 6:00pm. Join us for Sunday school for all ages at 8:45am.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him". 1 Corinthians 10:31



**ESL Workshop
Saturday, October 14, 2023
8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

Graves Co Baptist Association,
1400 KY Hwy 303, Mayfield, KY

The cost is \$15 per person
and includes all materials, meals and breaks.
To register - call 270-247-7947 or email gravesbaptist@bellsouth.net
Participants will be equipped to use English as a Second Language as a ministry tool in their local church.



Hazel Baptist Church has a pulpit & table available for any church who is needing one. Please contact Bro. Jordan Roach if interested at 270-873-9222



Let us hear from you!!! Share what God is doing in your church!

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August 4th
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