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Newsletter deadline for March 2023 is

February 20th

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 Remember to limit your words to
 175 & have your information in by
 the 20th of each month.

Mark's Memo:

The month of February is often a cold, dreary month. But, rather than the cold, dreary weather, the month of February is probably most associated with Valentines Day! Situated halfway through the month, Valentines Day is a time where couples routinely pledge or renew their love for one another. While florists and card companies like Hallmark enjoy the business boost Valentines Day brings, many people ignore this particular holiday.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we have been commanded by our Savior to "Love one another." Yet, at times we find it difficult to love our brothers and sisters in Christ. So, I want to suggest 7 ways to express your love to others this month.

1. Pray for the members of your church by name. Go through your church director and pray for a different family each day.
2. Send a card to a shut-in; your pastor; or someone else expressing your thanks for their faithfulness to your church today or in the past.
3. Invite someone who has meant a lot to you this year to join you and your family for lunch one Sunday after worship and pay for their meal.
4. Perform random acts of kindness for a different church member each week of February. (Bake them cookies; cupcakes; clean their house/car; give them a gift card; etc.)
5. Make a donation to Gideon's International; Samaritan's Purse; or your own church or favorite ministry in the name of your pastor or loved one.
6. Write a "Love Letter" to members of your family detailing why you love them.
7. Pray and ask the LORD to fill you with His love so that you might in turn, show His love to everyone you meet.

Brothers and sisters, let's be obedient to the Lord's command and "love one another."

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling



March 17-18, 2023

Zion's Cause Baptist Church, Benton
 Register at

<https://www.kybaptist.org/credentialing-volunteers/>

Bags of Hope Pantry list for FEBRUARY

- Altona--Manwich/sloppy joe & spaghetti noodles
- Bethel--ravioli & instant potatoes
- Bethlehem--tamales & bars of soap
- Briensburg--cereal & bars of soap
- Cherry Corner--beef stew & canned potatoes
- Elva--spaghetti sauce (no glass jars) & spaghetti noodles
- Flint--instant potatoes & bars of soap
- Gilbertsville--ravioli & canned tomatoes
- Grace--beef stew & mixed vegetables
- Hamlet--chili & instant potatoes
- Hazel--chicken-n-dumplings & mixed vegetables
- Holly Hills--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Kirksey--Manwich/sloppy joe sauce & spaghetti noodles
- Lakeview--ravioli & canned tomatoes
- Locust Grove--chili & canned potatoes
- Memorial--cereal & vienna sausage
- New Bethel--beef stew & mixed vegetables
- New Harmony--chili & instant potatoes
- New Zion--chicken-n-dumplings & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Northside--pancake syrup & pork-n-beans
- Oak Grove--tamales & canned carrots
- Olive--beef stew & canned potatoes
- Owens Chapel--pancake syrup & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Pleasant Hope--Manwich/sloppy joe sauce & spaghetti noodles
- Salem--ravioli & pork-n-beans
- Sinking Spring--spaghetti sauce (no glass jars) & spaghetti noodles
- Spring Creek--chicken-n-dumplings & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Sugar Creek--chili & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Union Ridge--ravioli & canned potatoes
- West Fork--beef stew & canned carrots

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

Bags of Hope Ministry

In December we were able to help **355** people, **64** of those were new. We gave out **3,517** food items, **535** bread, and **140** personal hygiene items. We were able to share the gospel with **32** 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.

Please remember in prayer Mr. Charles Thompson (brother of Marvin Gore, Director of Bags of Hope) as he fights cancer.



Churches Currently without Pastors

- Bethlehem
- Elva
- Lakeview
- Ledbetter
- New Providence
- New Zion
- New Mt. Carmel
- Oak Grove
- Old Salem Road
- Pleasant Valley



Ferguson Spring Baptist Church

will be hosting a Community Singing, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck meal to follow.

Everyone is welcome!!! For more information contact Bro. Terry Josleyn at 270-205-0443 or Mike Bullock at 270-350-2786. Hope to see you there!!!!



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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 | | |

NEEDED:

Family Ministries Pastor at Altona Baptist Church

Primary responsibility will be to direct and participate in all aspects of the Youth Ministry, oversee aspects of the Children's ministries, and provide training to parents as they seek to disciple their children and students.

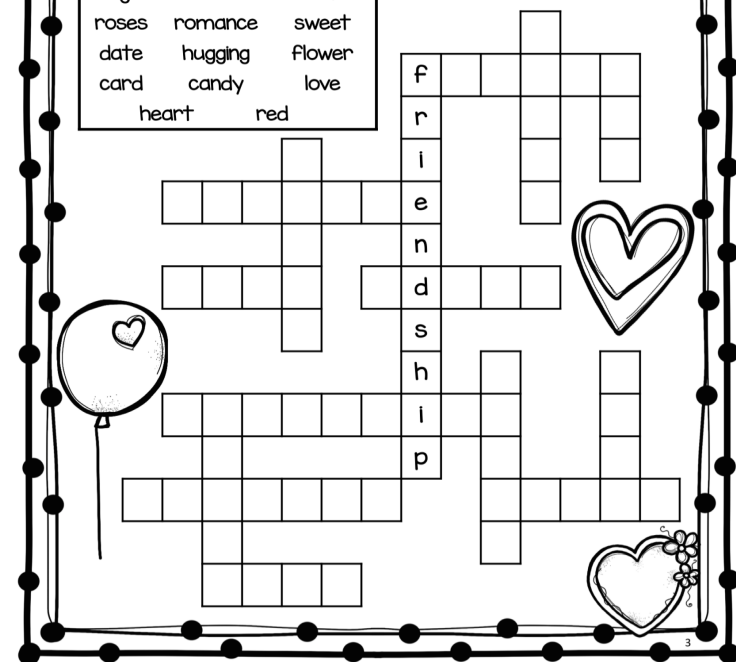
For more information contact Austin Howard at a.howard0266@gmail.com



Valentine's Day Crossword Puzzle

Fit each word in the box into the puzzle below. There is only one correct place for each word.

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| angel | adore | valentine |
| roses | romance | sweet |
| date | hugging | flower |
| card | candy | love |
| heart | red | |



Blood River Review

February Birthdays

10th Lisa Burkeen, Cherry Corner
 14th Dedria Moore, Sharpe
 25th Cornelia Walker, Gilbertsville

February Wedding Anniversaries

28th Chris & Dedria Moore, Sharpe

February Church Anniversaries

First Sunday

Johnny Coffenberry, Hamlet (2020)

Fourth Sunday

Joel Frizzell (I), New Mt. Carmel (2021)



February, 2023		
2nd		Ground Hog Day
3rd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
3rd-4th		YES! Youth Evangelism Summit; for info kbc.regfox.com/yes2023
8th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
9th-11th		Shepherding's Conf. 2023, Lexington
10th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
12th		Lincoln's Birthday
14th		Valentine's Day
13th - 19th		Focus on WMU Week/Sunday
16th	6:00 p.m.	Constitution Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
17th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
20th		Washington's B-Day/Presidents Day
21st	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Every Church On Mission Workshop @ Southside Baptist, Princeton KY
24th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
26th		Racial Reconciliation Sunday
March, 2023 (Mark your calendars)		
3rd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
5th-11th		Week of Prayer NAMB/Annie Armstrong Offering
8th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
10th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
12th		SPRING Forward - Move Clocks Forward 1 hour
15th	12:00 noon	Pastor's Luncheon @ Habanero Mexican Grill, Draffenville
16th	5:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Mtg. @ BRBA Office
17th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
17th - 18th	1:00 p.m.	Disaster Relief Volunteer Training @ Zion's Cause Baptist Church
20th		WELCOME SPRING !!!!!
21st	6:00 p.m.	Constitution Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
24th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
31st	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

February 9-11, 2023
 To register visit:
www.kybaptist.org/shepherding

Shepherding is designed to provide a special time where ministers and their spouses can relax, recharge and

BRIENSBURG:

We thank the Lord that in the first month of the year we have already seen one of our students come to know Christ and follow Him in believer's baptism. One of our goals for the year is to see an increase in our baptisms, and specifically in the number of young people under the age of 18. We pray for all our churches to reach this younger generation. February is a month where we focus on love and at Briensburg we will be hosting our annual Winter Banquet on February 5 at 6pm. It is always a fun night filled with prayer, praise, and laughter and we celebration God's great love. Our Student Ministry will be hosting a Super Bowl party after the evening service on February 12. Students are encouraged to invite their friends to church and then enjoy this time of fellowship to follow. Plans for several mission trips continue to be made both here in the US and internationally. Our prayer is to see souls saved in great numbers both here and to the uttermost. Blessings in Christ as we minister together.

NEW BETHEL:

Here at New Bethel on January 1st, we started the new year with a Meet and Greet for Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dukes in our FLC after the morning worship service with cake and punch and fellowship with the newlyweds. Congratulations to our pastor and his bride Peggy. Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year amounted to over \$4,000.00, all of which goes to support our Missionaries as they share the Gospel around the world. The Haven of Hope Baby Bottle Offering is coming up soon as we support that great Ministry. Also, coming up on Sunday, January 22nd, we will have a Baptismal Service for two of our young men who were saved recently. Wow! That's what it's all about. Our Youth Group attended Xtreme Winter 22' in Gatlinburg, TN the last of December, and had a great time of worship and fellowship and the music was great!! Pray for our Kids, Schools, Churches, Pastors, Leaders and our Great Country.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Revelation 21:7

SALEM:

We started the New Year off with regular church services, a catered meal from Sirloin Stockade and an afternoon of singing with KT&T Gospel group. It was a wonderful day of worship and fellowship. On the 8th we had a baptism in the morning service, and we welcomed new member, John Cooper. John has many long-time friends here at Salem. We will be partaking of the Lord's Supper at our evening service on the 15th. Our youth and junior disciples continue to meet each Wednesday night at 6:30 for food, Bible and fun. We appreciate our leaders over these two groups and the efforts they are making to teach the young about Jesus. We were delighted to serve the Pastors and Board Members who attended the quarterly meeting here at Salem. It was good to see familiar faces and friends. Plans are underway for some to attend the Smoky Mountain Jubilee in Pigeon Forge March 15 through 17. We appreciate Bro. Frankie and Kristina and their ministry here at Salem.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Psalms 103:1

SPRING CREEK

The Lord continues to bless our church. We have a new pastor, Bro. Greg Cagle, and our church is growing. It's wonderful to see good church attendance. We are thankful for the Lord's blessings. Our goal is to be a church that teaches sound doctrine and helps believers to grow in wisdom and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Pray for the lost, eternity is a very long time to pay for sin.

February 2023 Pastor's Prayer Times



3rd 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
 10th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
 17th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
 24th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office

Valentine word search

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 candy February happy kiss red valentine
 chocolate flowers heart love roses

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Kirksey Baptist Church

is seeking a Youth Pastor. Additional information about this ministry position can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/kirkseybaptist/> or by calling their pastor Bro. Shawn Hanes at 270-978-9572.



February 3 & 4, 2023
 Parkway Baptist Church,
 Bardstown KY
 For Middle & High School students & church leaders.
 Register at www.kybaptist.org



PRESIDENT'S DAY
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 February 20th, 2023