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### Mark's Memo:

We had a good Mission Board Meeting in January at Westfork Baptist Church. I appreciate Bro. Randy Kuykendall and the members of Westfork serving us so faithfully.

During that meeting I announced that the Mission Team and I are in the process of planning two mission trips this year. Both Mission Trips will cost between \$500 - \$1000, depending upon how much BRBA decides to underwrite for the cost of the trips. Furthermore, these trips will be for adults 18+. Interested youth, ages 16-17, could attend if a parent or guardian was also a part of the mission team.

These trips are as follows:

- 1) April 1-6 to Guatemala to assist Missionaries, Jason and Kelly Hart. This team is likely to be limited to 8-10 people.
- 2) July 20-26 to New York City to work with Church Planting Missionary, Bro. Edwin Pacheco.

Those interested in participating in either of these trips need to send an email to Bro. Mark Sickling at [director@bloodriverassoc.org](mailto:director@bloodriverassoc.org) or call at 270-437-4203. Then I will email additional information to interested individuals.

Two KBC events are taking place in February. The Youth Evangelism Summit (YES) is scheduled for February 2-3 in Bardstown and the Shepherding the Shepherd conference will be held in Lexington, February 8-10. More information about these events can be found at [www.kybaptist.org](http://www.kybaptist.org).

Serving Him Together,  
 Bro. Mark E. Sickling



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February, 2024

2nd		Ground Hog Day
2nd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
2nd - 3rd		Youth Evangelism Summit - Bardstown
7th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
8th - 10th		Shepherding 2024 - ky.baptist.org
12th	6 - 8:30 p.m.	Practical Preaching Workshop - Cadiz
9th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
12th		Lincoln's Birthday
14th		Valentines Day
15th	6:00 p.m.	Constitution Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
16th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
18th		Focus on WMU Sunday
19th		Washington's Birthday/Presidents Day
23rd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
25th		Racial Reconciliation Sunday

### March, 2024 (Mark your calendars)

1st	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
3rd-9th		Week of Prayer - NAMB & Annie Armstrong
6th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
8th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
9th	8:00 a.m.	R.A. Derby Race @ BRBA Office
10th		Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Forward
11th	5:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
15th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
15th-16th		Disaster Relief Chaplaincy Trng @ Madisonville
17th		Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
20th		FIRST DAY OF SPRING
22nd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
24th		Palm Sunday
24th		Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
29th		Good Friday (OFFICE CLOSED)
31st		Easter - He is Risen !!!!!



### ISRAEL

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

### Churches Currently without Pastors

Elva	Oak Grove
New Bethel	Oak Level
New Mt. Carmel	Old Salem Road
New Providence	Spring Creek

### Bags of Hope Pantry list for FEBRUARY

- Altona--peanut butter & saltine crackers
- Bethel--pancake syrup & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Bethlehem--peanut butter & saltine crackers
- Briensburg--beef stew & canned potatoes
- Cherry Corner--black eyed peas & canned tomatoes
- Elva--chili & canned tomatoes
- Flint-- spam & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Gilbertsville--cereal & vienna sausage
- Grace--beef stew & bars of soap
- Hamlet--peanut butter & canned potatoes
- Hazel-- cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Holly Hills--pancake syrup & ramen noodles
- Kirksey--ravioli & bars of soap
- Lakeview--peanut butter & saltine crackers
- Ledbetter--beef stew & mixed vegetables
- Locust Grove--pancake syrup & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Memorial--cereal & vienna sausage
- New Bethel-- beef stew & canned potatoes
- New Harmony--spam & bars of soap
- New Zion--pancake syrup & canned potatoes
- Northside--beef stew & black eyed peas
- Oak Grove-- spam & ramen noodles
- Olive--peanut butter & saltine crackers
- Owens Chapel--ravioli & canned potatoes
- Pleasant Hope--peanut butter & saltine crackers
- Salem-- ravioli & saltine crackers
- Sinking Springs--ravioli & black eyed peas
- Spring Creek--spam & mixed vegetables
- Sugar Creek--canned tomatoes & ravioli
- Union Ridge--pancake syrup & ramen noodles
- West Fork--pancake mix & pork-n-beans

### Bags of Hope Ministry

In December we were able to help **351** families, **56** of those were new. We gave out **3,794** food items, **438** bread, and **266** personal hygiene items.

We want to thank the Marshall County Sheriff's Dept. for collecting food for Bags of Hope through their "Stuff The Cruiser" event. Also, Highway 69 Jeep Club for their donations.

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

Newsletter deadline for March 2024 is  
 February 20th

EMAIL US AT:

[bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org](mailto:bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org)  
 Remember to limit your words to 175 &  
 have your information in by the 20th of  
 each month.



# Blood River Review

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



## February

### Pastor's Prayer Times

2nd 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office  
 9th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office  
 16th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office  
 23rd 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office

### February Birthdays

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

### February Wedding Anniversaries

11th Terry & Sandy Josleyn, Ferguson Springs  
 28th Chris & Dedria Moore, Sharpe

### February Church Anniversaries

**First Sunday**  
 Johnny Coffenberry, Hamlet (2020)

### Bible Trivia (Don't cheat!!)

- Who wrote most of the books in the New Testament?  
 a) Matthew b) John c) James d) Paul
- Which book in the Bible doesn't mention the word God?  
 a) James b) Acts c) Esther d) Numbers
- Which gospel is the shortest?  
 a) Matthew b) Mark c) Luke d) John
- What was the name of Issac's wife?  
 a) Hannah b) Sarah c) Rebekah d) Naomi

Answers: 1. d; 2. c; 3. b; 4. c

## NOTICE

If you have an interest in being involved in the **2024 Tater Day** activities please contact Christy Bollinger @ 270-703-1750. This can include preaching, a skit or a singing group.

### Hazel

We welcome Bro. Jerry and Susan Lee to our fellowship. Bro. Jerry is in ill health and he and Susan need everyone's prayers. We have several upcoming events starting with our Birthday Bash Sunday night, January 22 at 6:00. On February 11<sup>th</sup> we will have "Bring Someone You Love Sunday" with a potluck following the morning service. February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm we will have our "Christ and Cobbler Cook Off". We will have a panel of judges to pick the best cobbler and 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive the traveling trophy. The judges will have a BIG undertaking. Praying for every sister church, especially those without pastors. God's blessings on you all.

### New Bethel

Here at New Bethel on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>, we had our Young at Heart Christmas Dinner, great food and fellowship. Then Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>, we had our Children's Christmas Program, A "Beastly" Christmas, and it was great. Everyone involved did a wonderful job. On Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>, Bro. David Chandler, our Interim Pastor, preached the Christmas Story, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. Hopefully in all the hustle and bustle of Christmas, we remember that Jesus is the Reason for the Season, as we celebrate His birth. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is finished and now it's time for the Haven of Hope Baby Bottle Fund Raiser, a wonderful Ministry we should all support. On Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>, one of our young ladies who was saved came forward wanting to be baptized, and that will happen in the very near future. Praise the Lord! Our Pastor Search Committee is still hard at work looking for that Pastor that God has prepared for us.

*"But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil." 2 Thessalonians 3:3*

### Salem

It's already 2024! Wow, how time flies! We want to thank all who assisted and/or participated in the Christmas float and parade and handing out candy. Everyone had fun! Bro. Frankie recently preached a sermon, "More in 2024 Than Ever Before" from Luke 19:1-10. We look forward to hearing more sermons from God's word in 2024. Bro. Frankie will be visiting India in February with Bro. Maurice Singh. We are praying for travel mercies and that souls are saved. Join us in prayer. The Jr. Disciples class strives to serve in regular service projects for the church and community. Their current project is Birthday Boxes for the local food pantry. With donations from church members, they will collect items that will allow all families, no matter their financial situation, to celebrate their loved ones birthday. The boxes will include such things as cake mix, frosting, party plates, birthday candles, a disposable baking pan, a birthday card, a coloring book and crayons. The Jr. Disciples hope to be able to keep this as a regular project to provide the Birthday Boxes on a regular basis.

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:58 KJV*

### Sugar Creek

Happy 2024, We were truly blessed in 2023 and we are looking forward to see all that God has in store for us in the new year. Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. for Sunday school, we offer classes for all ages. Following SS, at 9:30 a.m. we have worship service and preaching. Please come join us at Sugar Creek Baptist Church.

*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17*

## BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

L E I S T C A M J K K R A M H  
 U P R D I M U C F K E A W D T  
 K J O N A H J U D G E S B E U  
 E D P S S V A E I D X K I Z U  
 R W J O S H U A S M C V H E P  
 O M J L A I S A I A H K F K M  
 Q Z G J O H N E S D O W G I A  
 S R J E T A H O E J E B C E E  
 W E P X J F D S N K P Q W L S  
 E H J O B A P C E E O W X L O  
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 E E P S X L L J M E K J T N K  
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### WORD LIST

ACTS	EZRA	JOB	LUKE
DANIEL	GENESIS	JOHN	MARK
ESTHER	HEBREWS	JONAH	PSALMS
EXODUS	HOSEA	JOSHUA	ROMANS
EZEKIEL	ISAIAH	JUDGES	RUTH

Homemade GIFTS MADE EASY



February 14, 2024

*He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1 John 4:8*

Pastors & Wives  
 Feb. 8-10, 2024  
 Griffin Gate Marriott  
 Lexington KY

More info/register  
[www.kybaptist.org/shepherding/](http://www.kybaptist.org/shepherding/)



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We know your churches are doing wonderful things. Please share it with your sister churches. Send your church news to the association by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the Month to be put in newsletter. Any questions please call the association office, 270-437-4203

Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

PSALM 91:14