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Mark's Memo:

In the classic movie, "Back To The Future," actor Michael J. Fox, as a result of a time machine built by his scientist friend, was able to transport back in time or forward in time. That has always fascinated me because if such a thing existed, we could go back in time and correct our mistakes.

In golf, there is something called a mulligan. Mulligans are "do overs." If you hit a bad shot, which I often do, sometimes I take a "mulligan" and hit another shot from the same spot hoping for a better outcome.

In Jeremiah 18, the Lord tells Jeremiah, "But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he remade it into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make." Then, God added in verse 6, "Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?"

Friends, as we approach 2023, we can't literally go back in time to correct the mistakes we made in 2022. But, as we begin a new year, we do have an opportunity to sort of begin again and try to "do better" this year. Furthermore, the secret to "doing better" is to, as the Bible says, "Walk in the Spirit, not the flesh." As we walk in the Spirit, and not the flesh, the LORD, the Master Potter, has an opportunity to re-make us into someone who is useful to Him and His Kingdom.

I pray you and yours have a blessed New Year's Day and great 2023.

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark E. Sickling

Bags of Hope Pantry list for JANUARY

- Altona--chicken-n-dumplings & indiv pudding cups for kids
- Bethel--pancake mix & rice (1lb bag)
- Bethlehem--chicken-n-dumplings & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Briensburg--dry black eyed peas & dry red beans
- Cherry Corner--saltine crackers & dry pinto beans
- Elva--dry red beans & rice (1lb bag)
- Flint--cereal & bars of soap
- Gilbertsville--chicken-n-dumplings & canned potatoes
- Grace--saltine crackers & chicken-n-dumplings
- Hamlet--pancake mix & bars of soap
- Hazel--pancake mix & butter beans
- Holly Hills--hamburger helper & pancake mix
- Kirksey--tamales & bars of soap
- Lakeview--tamales & canned carrots
- Locust Grove--hamburger helper & canned tomatoes
- Memorial--pancake mix & canned potatoes
- New Bethel--saltine crackers & rice (1lb bag)
- New Harmony--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- New Zion--instant potatoes & saltine crackers
- Northside--pancake mix & dry black eyed peas
- Oak Grove---spam & butter beans
- Olive--dry white northern beans & indiv pudding cups for kids
- Owens Chapel--hamburger helper & pork-n-beans
- Pleasant Hope--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Salem--dry white northern beans & canned potatoes
- Sinking Springs--dry pinto beans & canned carrots
- Spring Creek--dry red beans & bars of soap
- Sugar Creek--dry black eyed peas & bars of soap
- Union Ridge--canned tamales & saltine crackers
- West Fork--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix



Bags of Hope Ministry

In November we were able to help 327 people, 29 of those were new. We gave out 3,410 food items, 428 bread, and 136 personal hygiene items. We want to thank the Marshall County Sheriff's department, 1-69 Off Road, Black Patch Jeep Owner's Club, Green's Towing and Church of the Nazarine of Mayfield who collected food donations for us this month.

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

Winter Word Scramble

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Newsletter deadline for February 2023 is

January 20th

EMAIL US AT:

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



**Blood River Baptist Association
 Quarterly Executive Board Meeting**
 January 12, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.
 Salem Baptist Church
 1034 Brown Grove Road
 Murray KY 42071

Prayer Requests

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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 | Ukraine |
| Churches without Pastors | | |

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

Blood River Review

Birthdays

- 2nd Jana Kee, Union Ridge
- 13th Glenn Cope, Flint
- 18th Carl Butler, Pleasant Hope
- 20th Jerry Rollins, Oak Level
- 26th Ronnie Burkeen, Cherry Corner

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1st Martin & Ginger Severns, Memoria
- 7th Philip & Teresa Bazzell, Sugar Creek

Church Anniversaries

- First Sunday**
 Randy Kuykendall, West Fork (2012)
 Larry Salmon, Coldwater (2002)
- Second Sunday**
 Philip Bazzell, Sugar Creek (2017)
 Ed Chapman, Scott's Grove (2020)
- Third Sunday**
 Jeff Norsworthy, Blood River (2020)

Office Closed
 January 2, 2023

Happy
 New Year



January 2023		
1st		New Year Day - Happy New Year !!!!!
2nd		Observance of New Years - (Office Closed)
6th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
6th		Deadline for Scholarship Applications
11th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
12th	6:30 p.m.	Quarterly Executive Board Mtg @ Salem Baptist
13th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
16th		Martin Luther King Jr. Day - (Office Closed)
18th	12:00 noon	Pastor's Luncheon @ August Moon -Murray
19th	5:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
20th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
22nd		Bags of Hope Sunday
22nd		Sanctity of Life Sunday
23rd	10:00 a.m.	WMU Quarterly Mtg @ Briensburg Baptist
27th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
31st	6:00 p.m.	Church Security Mtg @ BRBA office
February, 2023 (Mark your calendars)		
3rd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
8th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
10th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
8th-10th		Shepherding's Conf. 2023
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
24th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
26th		Racial Reconciliation Sunday



Scholarship Applications Due
 January 6, 2023
 to BRBA Office

Pastor's Luncheon
 January 18th @ 12:00 noon
 August Moon in Murray KY



NEW BETHEL:

Here at New Bethel on November 27th, we had a baptism service for a sweet lady who is now a member of our congregation. Also, one of our young men was saved recently, and will be baptized before Christmas. Praise the Lord! Our annual Young at Heart Christmas Dinner is on Friday night, December 9th in our FLC. Our annual holiday meal will be on December 11th, also in our FLC, after our morning worship service. We are having a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Saturday December 24th at 7:00 p.m. and on Christmas Day we will have our 10:00 a.m. worship service only. Our special Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be collected at our Christmas Day service. Amid all the hustle and bustle, let's all just remember that Jesus is the reason for the season, and celebrate His birth. Pray for our Kids, schools, churches, pastors, leaders and our Great Country at this special time of the year.

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

SALEM:

On November 27 in our evening service the Advent candle was lit by a family, and the meaning explained. We then had our Hanging of the Greens ceremony with hanging of wreaths, decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias, holly, candles, gifts and the Christmas tree along with singing Christmas carols and lighting candles. Bro. Frankie was the narrator and explained the meaning of each as we decorated. It was a fun evening for all. The silhouette created of Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus for our baptistry is beautiful, and we thank those involved for your hard work. We want to thank all those who created our Christmas float which enabled us to be in the Christmas parade. Everyone had fun! We will be delivering baskets and caroling to our shut-ins on the 11th. We always look forward to visiting with them. The children and adults are practicing for our Christmas program for the 18th at 6:00 p.m. On the 25th, Christmas morning, we will have services at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. On New Year's Day we plan to have Sunday School and worship, then a catered meal. The gospel group KT&T will bring special music after the meal around 1:30. Come join us! It has been a blessed 2022, and we are looking forward to what God has planned for us in 2023.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11 KJV

Churches Currently without Pastors

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| Bethlehem | New Providence |
| Elva | Oak Grove |
| Lakeview | Pleasant Valley |
| New Mt. Carmel | |



January 2023 Pastor's Prayer Times

- 6th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
- 13th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
- 20th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
- 27th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office

WINTER WORD SEARCH



W	E	A	T	H	E	R	W	G	S	F	P	S	F	M
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- See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.
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| 1. Snow | 5. Shovel | 9. Slippery | 13. Scarf |
| 2. Snowman | 6. Cold | 10. Slide | 14. Hat |
| 3. Winter | 7. Freezing | 11. Sledding | 15. Earmuffs |
| 4. Weather | 8. Snowflake | 12. Skating | 16. Mittens |

Answers to Winter Word Scramble:

Rudolph; January; Snowmen; Ice Skates; Snowflake; Penguin; Sledging; Frigid; Polar Bear



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