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**Mark's Memo:**



**ISRAEL**

Our Leaders	Sister Churches	Our Youth
<b>Our Country</b>	Our Schools	The Sick
The Lost	Each Other	Missionaries



**Coming January, 2024**

1st		New Years Day - <b>Office Closed</b>
5th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
5th		Deadline for Scholarship Applications
9th	5:30 p.m.	Scholarship Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
10th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
11th	6:30 p.m.	Quarterly Executive Board Mtg @ Westfork Baptist
12th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
15th		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - <b>Office Closed</b>
17th	12:00 noon	Pastor's Luncheon - Sirloin Stockade in Murray
18th	5:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
19th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
21st		Sanctity of Life Sunday
22nd	10:00 a.m.	WMU Quarterly Meeting @ BRBA Office
26th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
30th	11:00 a.m.	Evangelism Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office

**February, 2024 (Mark your calendars)**

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
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

**Bags of Hope Pantry list for JANUARY**

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

**Bags of Hope Ministry**

In October we were able to help **239** families, **44** of those were new. We gave out **2,733** food items, **210** bread, and **247** personal hygiene items. We want to thank the Marshall County Sheriffs Dept. for collecting food for Bags of Hope through their Stuff The Cruiser Event.

Thank you for your continued support for this ministry, without your support we could not do this ministry.

Remember the volunteers in prayer.

**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 February 2024 is**

**January 19th**

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.



Pastor's Luncheon  
 January 17, 2024  
 12:00 noon  
 Sirloin Stockade  
 Murray KY

**NOTICE**

Cherry Corner is currently  
 Looking for a Youth Director  
 For more information contact  
 Sandy Forrest @ 270-293-2472



**Attention: Change in hours at Bags of Hope effective 11/2/2023.**

**OPEN 1 - 4 p.m. Monday & Thursday**

# Blood River Review

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



**January**

**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

**REMINDER:**

Scholarship Applications Due  
 January 5th @ BRBA Office



**Quarterly Executive Board Meeting**

6:30 p.m. - January 11, 2024  
 Westfork Baptist Church  
 5179 St. Rt. 121 North  
 Murray KY 42071



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 January 17, 2024  
 12:00 noon  
 Sirloin Stockade  
 Murray KY



January 15th  
 Office Closed

*January Birthdays*

2nd Jana Kee, Union Ridge  
 13th Glenn Cope, Flint  
 18th Carl Butler, Pleasant Hope  
 26th Ronnie Burkeen, Cherry Corner

*January Wedding Anniversaries*

1st Martin & Ginger Severns, Memorial  
 3rd Graig & Theresa Wortham, New Providence  
 7th Philip & Teresa Bazzell, Sugar Creek

*January Church Anniversaries*

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



**WMU**® WMU Quarterly Meeting  
 January 22, 2024  
 10:00 a.m. @ BRBA Office  
 God's mission. Our passion.

**HAZEL:**

We would like to welcome to our church family Cynthia Shemwell and Emily Lovins by baptism. Our choir is finalizing our cantata to be presented on December 17th. Our services on Christmas Eve will be held at 10:30 am. We would like to wish all sister churches a blessed Christmas as we celebrate our Savior's birth. Let us make room in our hearts for Jesus throughout the Christmas season and all through the new year.

*"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7.*

**NEW BETHEL:**

Thanksgiving has come and gone and we really do have a lot to be thankful for. Here at New Bethel on Sunday, December 3rd, Bob Cornuke, Bible Archaeologist, spoke in our morning and evening services about his search for the locations of Mt. Sinai and Solomon's Temple using Scripture as his guide. Mr. Cornuke has also searched for Noah's Ark, the Ark of the Covenant and other biblical sites that have been either lost or identified as located in the wrong areas. His presentation was very informative and God kept him safe in some very unsafe areas of the Middle East. We also had our Holiday Fellowship Meal and some time to talk with Mr. Cornuke personally after our morning service. Bro. David Chandler continues to bless us with God's Word. Our Young at Heart Christmas Dinner will be on Friday December 15th and our Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday December 17th. Pray for Israel, our Country and all World Leaders.

*Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. 2 Corinthians 9:15*

**SALEM:**

Our Hanging of the Greens decorating the sanctuary, was a beautiful service. Kristina worked out all the details, and Bro. Frankie narrated the ceremony. On the Dec. 10th we will go caroling and take baskets to our shut-ins. The Christmas play will be on Dec. 17th at 6 p.m. On Dec 24th we will have services at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. only. It is a busy time but also a fun time with Christmas carols and crisp, cold air. In 2023 we have experienced new friendships at Salem, welcomed new babies, celebrated weddings, birthdays, suffered with health issues, said goodbye to loved ones, and for some celebrated a new birth with Jesus as their Saviour. Through it all the Lord has been with us. We look forward to 2024, another year to serve the Lord. We are thankful for Bro. Frankie and Kristina and their ministry here at Salem.

**Churches Currently without Pastors**

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



Winter Word Search

W	E	D	E	C	E	M	I	R	E	Q	G	J
F	I	C	T	T	O	J	S	C	A	L	L	A
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B	A	J	M	D	E	C	E	M	B	E	R	E



Winter	Cold	Frost
December	Freezing	Ice
January	Snowman	Scarf
February	Snowflakes	Mittens

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