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Newsletter deadline for August 2023
 is
July 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:

In July of 1963, American Chuck McKinley won his only Wimbledon Tennis championship; Jack Nicklaus won his first of five PGA championships; and Sonny Liston knocked out Floyd Champion in the first round to win the world heavyweight boxing title. While on the economic front, in 1963 a gallon of milk cost \$.49 and a gallon of gas was \$.30, while the federal minimum wage was \$1.25 in the United States of America.

In 1963, Blood River Baptist Association was comprised of 44 churches; reported 298 baptisms; and a cumulative giving to the Cooperative Program of \$72,418.00; and Bro. Earl Warford was unanimously elected as Associational Missionary.

Many things have changed in the United States, in Blood River Baptist Association, and in my life since I was born 60 years ago in Metropolis, IL, on July 10, 1963, to Oral and Letha Sickling. As I think about all of the changes I have seen in my lifetime (Men walk on the moon; the invention of the internet; and cell phones) just to name a few I am humbled to think of how much God has blessed me. But I am also very aware of a few things that will never change.

- 1) God never changes (Malachi 3:6)
- 2) All humans are sinners (Romans 3:10; 23)
- 3) Salvation only comes through Jesus Christ. (Acts 4:12)

As Blood River Baptist Association and its member churches continue to share these truths to the lost, please prayerfully consider how you might join Jesus Christ in what He is doing in our churches and in our communities.

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark E. Sickling

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

Quarterly Executive Board Meeting
 July 13th @ 6:30 p.m. (Meal)
 Scott's Grove Baptist Church
 2317 US Hwy 641 South
 Murray KY

Bags of Hope Pantry list for JULY

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

Bags of Hope Ministry

In May we were able to help **260** people, **43** of those were new. We gave out **2,646** food items, **79** bread, and **123** personal hygiene items.

We were able to share the gospel with **35** people. Praise the Lord we had **1** come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior.

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



- 2nd Ken Jewell, Opportunity
- 10th Sandy Josleyn, Ferguson Springs
- 10th Mark Sickling, BRBA
- 16th Shawn Hanes, Kirksey
- 17th Brad Walker, Briensburg
- 18th Teresa Bazzell, Sugar Creek
- 18th Misty Harris, Poplar Springs
- 24th Janice Rice, Elva



First Sunday
 Jordan Roach, Hazel (2016)
Third Sunday
 Frankie McKinney, Salem (2021)



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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 | | |



Looking Ahead
 Freeda Harris Christmas Toy Drive 2023
 begins August 1, 2023.

Executive Board



meeting

July 13th @ 6:30 p.m. (meal served)
 Scott's Grove Baptist Church
 2317 US Hwy 641 South, Murray

Blood River Review

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



July Pastor's Prayer Times

7th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
14th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
21st 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
28th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office



July, 2023		
2nd		Religious Liberty Sunday
4th		4th of July (Office Closed)
6th	5:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
7th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
12th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA
13th	6:30 p.m.	Quarterly Executive Board Mtg @ Scott's Grove Baptist Church
14th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
19th	12:00 noon	Pastor's Luncheon @ Four Seasons, Hardin
21st	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
24th	7:00 p.m.	WMU Quarterly Mtg @ Altona Baptist
28th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
August, 2023 - Looking Ahead		
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



The Goodness of God: "Letting the Son Shine Through You" Women's Conference at Memorial Baptist Church

Sat, July 15 / 8:30 – Noon (registration at 8:00)
\$10 per person

Brunch / Fellowship / Music / Door Prizes
SignArt Ministry – Tyra Lokey-Robinson
Praise & Worship – Stacy Wortham, Julie Jansma, & Kathy Ligon
Testimony & Words of Encouragement – Brandy Anderson
Register at <https://forms.gle/Pg8vqhjiLR6pf8oR6>

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.



Memorial Baptist Church is searching for a part-time worship leader. For job description and an application please visit mbcmurray.org. Applications must be turned in by July 31st.



WMU Quarterly Meeting
July 24th @ 7:00 p.m.
Altona Baptist Church



NEW BETHEL:

Here at New Bethel on Saturday June 10th we had our Summer Kickoff with our Youth Group with Inflatables, Water Activities, Food and Door Prizes, and Kids, Water, Sun and Fun—a great way to start the Summer! On Sunday June 11th, after a Fellowship Retirement Meal for our Pastor, Brother Royce Dukes, (he said it's not really retirement, but just starting a new Chapter for him and Peggy and see where God leads them), our VBS, Stellar-Shine Jesus' Light, started that afternoon and continued thru Tuesday June 13th. It was a Great VBS, with some really Great Kids and plenty of Workers and Helpers and our Great Youth Group helping out, and all put together by our Children's Ministry Leaders, Kelly Chambers and Ellen Burkeen. The VBS offering this year will go to Operation Kid to Kid, which provides Bibles in their own Language to Kids all over the World, and the offering was over \$2,500.00. WOW!! AWESOME!!

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

SALEM:

We had a wonderful Jubilee/Revival with Bro. Caleb Lindsey from Louisiana as our Evangelist. He had some powerful messages from the Lord that he shared with us. The special singing each night was a blessing. Memorial Day weekend we decorated the sanctuary in red, white and blue. We recognized our veterans who have served this great country. Tyler Carson and two of his Army National Guard friends were in attendance in full uniform, and worshiped with us. We continue to pray for those in service. On June 4th we had a baptism during the morning service. We welcome Valerie Byrd to our church family. At noon we had a meal and surprised Bro. Frankie with a birthday party, a little early, for his 50th birthday!! We wish him many more. On June 15th and 16th several are going to see the Ark and Creation Museum. We are excited about that trip! VBS is the last week in June with the theme "Twists & Turns."

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14 KJV

SPRING CREEK:

Welcome to July, the month we celebrate our liberty and freedom. Freedom should be precious to each and everyone. The greatest freedom is from the bondage of sin. Freedom is of God. Evil governments are of Satan. Our Sunday School class has noticed how things were in Jeremiah's day and how they are now. We may be ripe for judgment. Pray for healing of our nation and for revival.

SUGAR CREEK

Summer is here and we hope you all are enjoying the beautiful weather. We had our Family Fun day and it was a great time, lots of kids, fellowship and good food. July 30th will be our Ice Cream social at 5:00pm, and August 12th we will have a cruise in and cookout at 10:30, we would love to see you there. We hope you all can come out join in on the fun. Join us each Sunday for Sunday school at 8:45am with worship service to follow at 9:30am. We have continued to be blessed at SCBC, we have had 3 new members join the church recently, and we several visitors each week.

And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19

SUMMER

WORD SEARCH

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

Summer Vacation	Sunglasses	Picnics
Beach	Ice cream	Popsicles
Sunny	Bike rides	Flip flops
Barbecue	Watermelon	Sunscreen
	Lemonade stand	Swimming

FAITH is like Wi-Fi,
It's invisible but it has the power
to connect you to what you need.



Deadline for Scholarship applications is August 1, 2023. Contact Bro. Mark Sickling at 270-437-4203 for more information.