

Blood River Baptist Association
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Mark's Memo:

I want to thank those individuals and churches who participated in this year's Jerusalem project. We had volunteers from 5 of our churches working at Blood River Baptist Association and Hope Clinic in Benton. I appreciate these individuals willingness to give of their time and energy to serve. I saw Mrs. Lisa Holland, of Hope Clinic last week and she was very pleased with the work our volunteers did for them.

Tim Williams our Associational Brotherhood/RA director has scheduled a picnic for men and boys on Saturday, June 10, from 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. Come enjoy a hamburger, hot dog, chips, etc. and some great fellowship. We will meet at the Lake Pavilion and Mike Miller Park in Benton.

I have scheduled a Mission Trip for June 20-22 to Refuge Bowling Green. Since no one showed up for our first informational meeting regarding this trip last month, I have scheduled another one for Tuesday, May 30, at 5:30 p.m. This trip is open to anyone 18 years or older. For more information contact me at director@bloodriverassoc.org.

Please pray for Hazel Baptist as they will be on a Mission Trip to Mt. View Camp the week of May 28 – June 2. Also, please pray for all of the churches that will be having VBS this summer. Pray that God's Word would penetrate the hearts of children that attend and help them understand what Jesus Christ our LORD has done for them.

Also, please pray for our Southern Baptist Convention that will be meeting in New Orleans, June 12-14, 2023. There will be some important things discussed and voted on during this meeting. I would also appreciate your prayers for me as I travel to and from the convention.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we are canceling our Mission Trip to Oneida Baptist Institute scheduled for June 12-16. Prayerfully, we can return to Oneida in 2024.

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark E. Sickling

Churches Currently without Pastors

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| Bethlehem | New Zion |
| Elva | New Mt. Carmel |
| Lakeview | Oak Grove |
| New Providence | Old Salem Road |



REMINDER:

Note: There will be no Budget/Finance Committee Meeting in June due to Southern Baptist Convention.

Bags of Hope Pantry list for JUNE

- Altona--cereal & Jiffy corn muffin mix
- Bethel--beef stew & canned potatoes
- Bethlehem--rice (1 lb bag) & indiv peanut butter cracker
- Briensburg--cereal & Vienna sausage
- Cherry Corner--chili & canned tomatoes
- Elva--chili & canned carrots
- Flint--spam & canned potatoes
- Gilbertsville--ravioli & saltine crackers
- Grace--instant potatoes & mixed vegetables
- Hamlet--black eyed peas & canned tomatoes
- Hazel--chicken-n-dumplings & saltine crackers
- Holly Hills--beef stew & instant potatoes
- Kirksey--chili & mixed vegetables
- Lakeview--chicken-n-dumplings & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Ledbetter--saltine crackers & canned tomatoes
- Locust Grove--ravioli & instant potatoes
- Memorial--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- New Bethel--chili & canned potatoes
- New Harmony--spam & canned tomatoes
- New Zion--spam & black eyed peas
- Northside--spam & canned pinto beans
- Oak Grove-- beef stew & canned carrots
- Olive--canned tomatoes & black eyed peas
- Owens Chapel--pancake syrup & fruit snacks for kids
- Pleasant Hope--beef stew & canned great northern beans
- Salem--saltine crackers & Vienna sausage
- Sinking Springs--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Spring Creek--canned tomatoes & canned carrots
- Sugar Creek--ravioli & bars of soap
- Union Ridge--rice (1 lb bag) & indiv peanut butter cracker
- West Fork--chili & black eyed peas

Bags of Hope Ministry

In April we were able to help **193** people, **26** of those were new. We gave out **2,313** food items, **293** bread, and **90** personal hygiene items.

We were able to share the gospel with **40** people. Praise the Lord we had **2** people come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior.

We want to thank the WMU for purchasing 2 shelves for our walk-in cooler. We greatly appreciate your support.

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

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



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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 | | |

Happy Birthday June

- 2nd Jack Kee, Union Ridge
- 2nd Larry Salmon, Coldwater
- 14th Frankie McKinney, Salem
- 15th Kili Hanes, Kirksey
- 16th Todd Dotson, Olive
- 18th Michelle Jewell, Opportunity
- 19th Jordan Roach, Hazel
- 19th James Stom, Owens Chapel
- 23rd Chris Moore, Sharpe
- 24th Dakota Bramlett, Locus Grove

HAPPY Anniversary

- 14th James & Sally Stom, Owens Chapel
- 15th Kevin & Misty Harris, Poplar Spring
- 21st Ed & Chrystie Chapman, Scott's Grove
- 24th Rick & Martha Miller, Symsonia
- 26th Jack & Jana Kee, Union Ridge
- 28th Kim & Jennifer Reeder, Grace
- 29th Mark & Kristin Sickling, BRBA



First Sunday

Kevin Harris, Poplar Spring (2018)
 Darrell Walker, Gilbertsville (2012)

Second Sunday

Robert Bratcher, Altona (2022)

Third Sunday

Scott Penick, New Harmony (2018)

Fourth Sunday

Roger Rice, Elva (2020)

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.

NOTICE

Salem Baptist is looking for a youth minister/leader. If interested or for more info contact Bro. Frankie McKinney @ 270-705-2217



Newsletter deadline for July 2023 is June 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 Review

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



June 2023

Pastor's Prayer Times

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

What's Happening

June, 2023

2 nd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
3 rd	8:00 a.m.	BRBA Golf Scramble @ Miller Golf Course (Must sign up)
4 th		Disaster Relief Sunday
9 th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
10 th	11:00 a.m.—2:00 pm	Men and Boy's Cookout Mike Miller Park
13 th -14 th		Southern Baptist Conv, New Orleans LA
14 th		Flag Day
16 th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
18 th		Father's Day
20 th -22 nd		Mission Trip - Refuge Bowling Green KY
21 st		First Day of Summer
23 rd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
25 th		Mission Dignity Sunday
30 th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

July, 2023 (Mark your calendars)

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



2023 Men's Golf Tournament

June 4th - 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
Miller Memorial Golf Course, Murray
Cost \$40.00/person
Must register in advance, call BRBA office for more info 270-437-4203



June 18, 2023

4th And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4

Upcoming Vacation Bible Schools:

June 2-4	6:00-8:30 p.m.	Locust Grove Baptist
June 5-9	6:00-8:30 p.m.	Symsonia Baptist
June 8-9	5:30-8:30 p.m.	Northside Baptist
June 10	8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Northside Baptist
June 11	5:30 p.m.	Final program Northside Baptist
June 11-13	5:30-8:00 p.m.	New Bethel Baptist
June 11-15	5:30-8:00 p.m.	Memorial Baptist
June 18-23	6:00-8:30 p.m.	Hazel Baptist
June 19-23	8:45 a.m.-Noon	Briensburg Baptist
June 25-29	6:00-8:30 p.m.	Salem Baptist

WMU News

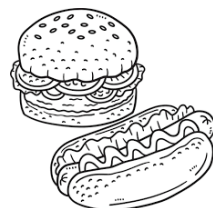
The WMU has been asked to participate in the Summer Meal Program again through the Marshall County Family Resource Center, by providing casseroles in July. If your WMU group or church would like to help please contact Dee King for details at 270-366-6215. We had a great response last year.



BRBA Men & Boys Picnic

Mike Miller Park - Lake Pavilion, Saturday,
June 10th - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Food & drinks will be provided.

RSVP to the BRBA office by
May 31.



HAZEL:

We want to welcome to our church family by baptism Elizabeth Hargreaves and Bryce Garrett. Our Vacation Bible School will be June 19-22 with the theme being Keepers of the Kingdom: The Armor of God from 6:00 to 8:30 nightly. On May 21, we will have our graduate celebration for Haley Dawson from CCHS. Those who signed up for the mission trip to Mountain View Baptist Camp to help them get ready for summer camps will be leaving on Sunday, May 28th, please keep them in your prayers. Our Friends and Family Sunday has been postponed until we are back in the newly decorated sanctuary. We are so excited about this and ask that your churches pray for us as we patiently wait. "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will put my trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. Psalm 18:2-3". Prayers for each sister churches, especially those without pastors.

NEW BETHEL:

Here at New Bethel on May 4th, our Young at Heart Seniors traveled to Cypress Lake for their monthly outing and fellowship meal. We celebrated Mother's Day and honored all our mothers with a beautiful long-stemmed red rose. We have a Summer Kickoff event by our youth group on Saturday June 10th, then our VBS will be Sunday June 11th-Wednesday June 14th. Our graduation day & scholarship award day will be in the morning service on Sunday May 21st. Our Annie Armstrong Easter offering this year was over \$2,100. It's with sadness that I report that our pastor Brother Royce Dukes is retiring on July 1st, he has been such a blessing to us, and we will miss him and his wife Peggy very much, but we wish them all the best as they look forward to what God has planned for them. Pray for them, all our pastor's, churches, our Great Country, our leaders, our schools and our kids.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
Proverbs 31:28

SALEM:

Some of the ladies in WMU attended the quarterly meeting that was held at Northside Baptist. It was a very informative meeting. On Mother's Day all mothers were recognized, and as a tradition at Salem we honored our oldest and youngest mother that was present. Kathryn Howard was our oldest, and Ashleigh Murdock our youngest mother. They were each given a hanging flower basket. We appreciate all of our mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers and aunts who have been a role model for someone. One of our members, John Cooper, went home to be with the Lord this month. We continue to pray for his family and others who have lost loved ones. On May 32 we will recognize four high school graduates. They will receive monetary gifts and a Bible. We wish for them much success in the future. We are looking forward to our upcoming Jubilee on May 22-25 at 7:00 p.m. each night. Bro. Caleb Lindsey will be our evangelist with special singing each night. We are making plans for VBS and planning a trip to the Ark Encounter and The Creation.

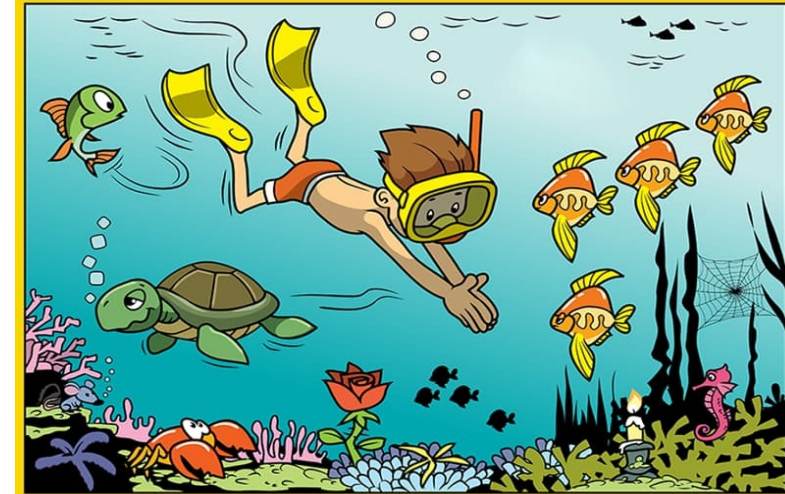
Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31:30 KJV

NOTICE...NOTICE...NOTICE

Grapevine Baptist Church, Madisonville KY is looking for Associate Pastor of Student Ministry. Contact Nancy Wilson at 270-821-5117 or nancy@gbcky.net for more info.

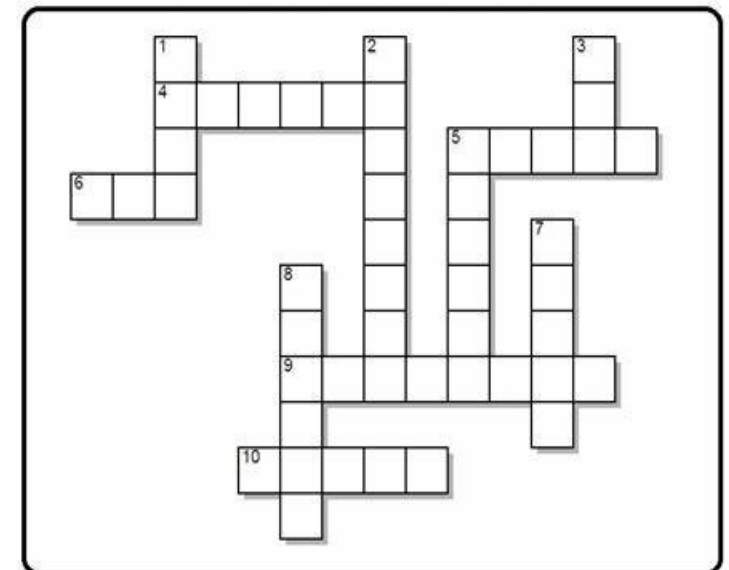
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Summer

Proverbs 15:13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance...



ACROSS

- 4 Orange
- 5 Sunny
- 6 God
- 9 Cheerful
- 10 Bible

DOWN

- 1 Food
- 2 Lemonade
- 3 Fun
- 5 Summer
- 7 Jesus
- 8 Picnic

