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**Newsletter deadline for April 2023 is**

**March 20th**

**EMAIL US AT:**

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

**Mark's Memo:**

As I sit at my computer, I hear heavy rain pounding the roof of our office. God in His providence sends the rain and the sunshine when He deems it necessary. For decades many in the United States of America have been praying for "Revival Fire" to fall on our nation, but no large scale revival has come upon this nation in decades.

But, interestingly, on February 8, 2023, at Asbury University in Wilmore KY, God has begun moving in a dramatic fashion in the lives of college students from not only Asbury but dozens of other college campuses who have attended the services there at Asbury.

Furthermore, I find it fascinating that something similar took place at Asbury University in 1970. Dr. Timothy Beougher, an evangelism professor at Southern Seminary in Louisville, commenting on the events unfolding at Asbury wrote in an article with KentuckyToday,

"What every believer should be doing right now, regardless of what you think about the early reports out of Asbury, is praying. Who would deny that we need revival in our churches and spiritual awakening in our land? God has visited this nation with powerful awakenings before — we study those great movements of revival in church history classes. Is Asbury the spark of another awakening? I don't know — but I'm praying — and you should be, too!

Brothers and sisters, I hope you will join me in continued prayer for God to revive our hearts individually; corporately as His church; and that God would draw lost people to Himself all across this nation for His honor and His glory.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling

**Bags of Hope Pantry list for MARCH**

- Altona-- cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Bethel--chicken-n-dumplings & mixed vegetables
- Bethlehem--beef stew & canned potatoes
- Briensburg--beef stew & mixed vegetables
- Cherry Corner--instant potatoes & canned carrots
- Elva--ravioli & butter beans
- Flint--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Gilbertsville--instant potatoes & bar soap
- Grace--ravioli & mixed vegetables
- Hamlet--pancake syrup & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Hazel--spaghetti noodles & instant potatoes
- Holly Hills--instant potatoes & bar soap
- Kirksey--ravioli & canned tomatoes
- Lakeview--chili & bar soap
- Locust Grove--pancake syrup & canned carrots
- Memorial--beef stew & mixed vegetables
- New Bethel--cereal & jiffy mix
- New Harmony--chicken-n-dumplings & canned potatoes
- New Zion--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Northside-- beef stew & mixed vegetables
- Oak Grove--pancake syrup & canned potatoes
- Olive--chili & mixed vegetables
- Owens Chapel-- chicken-n-dumplings & bar soap
- Pleasant Hope--pancake syrup & canned potatoes
- Salem--spaghetti sauce (no glass jars) & spaghetti noodles
- Sinking Springs--chili & canned carrots
- Spring Creek--mac-n-cheese & pork-n-beans
- Sugar Creek--ravioli & mixed vegetables
- Union Ridge--instant potatoes & chili
- West Fork--chili & mixed vegetables

**Bags of Hope Ministry**

In December we were able to help **337** people, **47** of those were new. We gave out **3,679** food items, **456** bread, and **139** personal hygiene items. We were able to share the gospel with **37** people.

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

Please Notice This



**NEEDED:**

**Family Ministries Pastor at Altona Baptist Church**

Primary responsibility will be to direct and participate in all aspects of the Youth Ministry, oversee aspects of the Children's ministries, and provide training to parents as they seek to disciple their children and students. For more information contact Austin Howard at [a.howard0266@gmail.com](mailto:a.howard0266@gmail.com)

**March Birthdays**

- 2nd Robin LaChance, Bethel
- 11th Charles LaChance, Bethel
- 13th Erin Clark, BSU
- 21st Bonnie Coffenberry, Hamlet
- 28th Leslie Miles, Northside

**March Wedding Anniversaries**

- 11th Frankie & Kristina McKinney, Salem
- 18th Brandon & Dakota Bramlett, Locust Grove
- 18th Randy & Karen Kuykendall, West Fork
- 28th Mike & Alice Farmer, Vanzora
- 30th Duane & Carolyn Holland, Holly Hills

**March Church Anniversaries**

**First Sunday**

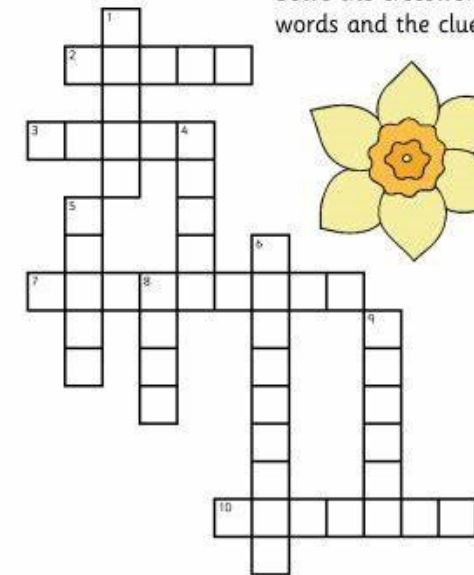
Brad Walker, Briensburg (2010)



**First Day of Spring**  
 March 20th

**Spring Crossword**

Solve the crossword using the list of words and the clues.



- blossom
- chicks
- daffodils
- daisy
- frogspawn
- grow
- lamb
- March
- nests
- seeds

**Across**

- 2. Baby sheep born in spring.
- 3. Birds build these to lay eggs in.
- 7. You might see this in ponds in spring.
- 10. Pink and white flowers that grow on trees.

**Down**

- 1. Flower which you can make in to chains.
- 4. We plant these to grow fruit and vegetables.
- 5. A spring month.
- 6. Yellow spring flowers.
- 8. Plants start to \_\_\_\_\_ in spring.
- 9. Baby birds are called \_\_\_\_\_.



March 17-18, 2023

Zion's Cause Baptist Church, Benton  
 Register at

<https://www.kybaptist.org/recredentialing-volunteers/>

# Blood River Review

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



**The time to prepare is now.**  
Registration open for spring training.

**Opportunities for:**

- Recredentialing volunteers
- Cross-training volunteers
- Chaplaincy training
- New volunteers

**MARCH 18**  
Benton  
Chaplaincy Training:  
March 17-18

**APRIL 22**  
Burlington  
Chaplaincy Training:  
April 21-22

**REGISTER**

*... be equipped for every good work. \*  
2 Timothy 3:17*

Registration Now Open  
@ [kybapist.org/disaster-relief/](http://kybapist.org/disaster-relief/)



### Baptist Men's on Mission Breakfast

March 4, 2023 - 8:00 a.m.  
Altona Baptist Church  
5827 US Hwy 62  
Calvert City KY

If you plan to attend, call BRBA Office  
(270) 437-4203 or contact Tim Williams at  
twilliams@murraystate.edu

### RA Derby Car Race

March 25th @ 9:00 a.m.  
Memorial Baptist Church  
906 Main Street  
Murray KY  
Call BRBA office

(270) 437-4203 if you plan  
to attend/for more information  
contact Tim Williams @  
twilliams@murraystate.edu



March 15th @ 12:00 noon  
Habanero Mexican Grill  
244 US 68 East, Draffenville



## What's Happening

### March, 2023

3rd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
4th	8:00 a.m.	Men's on Mission Breakfast @ Altona
5th-11th		Week of Prayer NAMB/Annie Armstrong Offering
8th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
9th	6:00-8:45 p.m.	Sunday School Still Matters Workshop @ Hillcrest Baptist Church, Hopkinsville KY
10th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
12th		<b>SPRING Forward - Move Clocks Forward 1 hour</b>
13th-14th		REACH Evangelism & Missions Conference @ Severns Valley Baptist, Elizabethtown KY
15th	12:00 noon	Pastor's Luncheon @ Habanero Mexican Grill, Draffenville
16th	5:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Mtg. @ BRBA Office
17th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
17th-18th		Disaster Relief Volunteer Training @ Zion's Cause Baptist Church
20th		<b>WELCOME SPRING !!!!</b>
21st	6:00 p.m.	Constitution Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
24th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
25th	9:00 a.m.	RA Derby Car Race
31st	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

### April, 2023 (mark your calendar)

2nd		Palm Sunday
2nd		Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
7th		Good Friday <b>Office Closed</b>
9th		EASTER Sunday
12th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
13th	6:30 p.m.	Quarterly Executive Board Mtg @ Hamlet
14th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
14th-15th		KY WMU Annual Meeting
17th		Tax Deadline
20th	5:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
21st	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
24th	7:00 p.m.	WMU Quarterly Mtg @ Northside Baptist
26th		Administrative Professionals Day
28th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

### BRIENSBURG:

March is always an exciting time of year at Briensburg as we look forward to Revival services and prepare our hearts for Resurrection Sunday in April. Our youth will be going to Disciple Now Weekend at Crossing the 17 - 19 and joining several local churches for a weekend of worship, discipleship, and fun. During the month our choir ministry is busy pulling together a special musical presentation for worship on Resurrection Sunday. We are excited to have Scott Penick preaching for us in Revival services the 26 - 29. Our prayer is that we would experience a true spirit filled revival break forth as we have in central Kentucky last month. Blessings in Christ as we minister together.

### HAZEL:

On "Bring Someone You Love" Sunday we had 91 in Sunday School and 148 for worship. Oh what a time we had!! "God is good all the time and all the time God is good" has been so true at HBC this year. Sydney Shelton accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and united with HBC. We've had 7 join by letter. Those being: Mark Scott, Justin & Jennifer Chadwick, Glenn & Carla Wyatt and Blake & Kinsey Vacca. We are so blessed God has added them to our HBC family. Our revival will be March 19-22, 2023 with Bro. Kara Blackard as evangelist and Bro. Kevin Royalty will be directing the music. We would be honored for each of our sister churches to come and hear God's message through this evangelistic team. Please pray that God Almighty will continue reviving HBC and that souls will continue being saved.

### NEW BETHEL:

Here at New Bethel on Sunday, January 22nd, we started the Morning Worship Service with the Baptism of two of our young men who recently professed Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior! On Sunday, January 29th, after the Morning Worship Service, we had a Birthday Fellowship, celebrating everyone's 2023 Birthdays with food, drink and Birthday Cake, and just a whole lot of fun. On Saturday, February 25th, here in our FLC, our Youth Group will be hosting a Valentine's Dinner (it's a Fund Raiser for our Youth), with Restaurant Style Seating and a menu of Lasagna and Chicken Alfredo with side dishes and drinks. We have a great Youth Group and great Leaders in Matthew and Melissa Bouland. Brother Royce is going to start a study on "What We Believe and Why We Believe It" on Sunday nights in the near future, and he continues to Preach the Word as God lays it on his heart. Pray without ceasing!

**What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31**

### SALEM:

On Wednesday nights for several weeks Bro. Frankie has been teaching a series entitled "Why I use the King James Bible." He explained how that other versions have omitted entire verses, phrases and words including Jesus, Christ, Lord and God. In the New Testament alone he has shown us over 200 omissions. We have all been surprised to learn Bible verses like Matthew 18:11 and Acts 8:37 have been totally removed from most modern versions. Our first "Game Day" was held on February 18. We played numerous board games, corn hole, had snacks, fun and fellowship. On the 19th we expressed our appreciation to our pianist, Denise Windsor, who has been playing the piano at Salem since 1972 when she was twelve. She has been very dedicated to share her gift and talent with us through the years, always ready to serve.

**Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6**

### SPRING CREEK:

The Lord continues to bless our church. We have returned to full worship service. We have added Thursday night Bible study. It has been many years since we had midweek church service. The Lord truly blesses.

### SUGAR CREEK:

We have had a great year so far at Sugar Creek, God continues to bless our little church. We had our Valentine's potluck last month with good food and great fellowship. We are looking forward to the hot dog and chili cookout on March 12th at 5:00 pm, everyone is welcome and bring a friend too. We are also looking ahead at the Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00 pm on April 1st, open to the community, we would love to have you and your family join us.

**The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26**



Our Leaders	Sister Churches	Our Youth
Our Country	Our Schools	The Sick
The Lost	Each Other	Missionaries
Our Pastors	Our Teachers	
<b>Churches without Pastors</b>		

### 35th Annual Western Kentucky Evangelism Conference

March 6, 2023  
Three Sessions - 9 am; 1:30 pm; 6 pm  
Southside Baptist Church  
205 Nichols Street  
Princeton KY

Music by Dr. Jason "Bubba" Stewart. **LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.**  
For more information call 270-365-9919

### March 2023 Pastor's Prayer Times



3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
17 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
24 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
31 <sup>st</sup>	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office



**Kirksey Baptist Church**  
is seeking a Youth Pastor. Additional information about this ministry position can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/kirkseybaptist/> or by calling their pastor Bro. Shawn Hanes at 270-978-9572.

### Churches Currently without Pastors

Bethlehem	New Zion
Elva	New Mt. Carmel
Lakeview	Oak Grove
Ledbetter	Old Salem Road
New Providence	Pleasant Valley