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**Newsletter deadline for June 2023**  
 is  
**May 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:

On May 1 – 6 several of our churches are cooperating in a multi-church roving revival. Services will be held at Grace on Monday; at Union Ridge on Tuesday; at Holly Hills on Thursday; at Owens Chapel on Friday; and at New Harmony on Saturday. Please pray for these churches; their pastors; and all who attend. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. each night. Guests are welcome, so if you want to be blessed, join these churches for one or more of these special services.

I have scheduled a Mission Trip for June 20-22 to Refuge Bowling Green. This trip is open to anyone 18 years or older. For more information contact me at [director@bloodriverassoc.org](mailto:director@bloodriverassoc.org). Hazel Baptist is planning a Mission Trip to Mt. View Camp the week of May 28 – June 2. For more information about this trip please call Bro. Jordan Roach at 270-873-9222. We are also waiting to hear back from Oneida Baptist Institute about a possible Mission trip the week of June 12-16. If you are interested in going to Oneida, please contact Richard Stallons.

Our Jerusalem Project (Local Missions) is scheduled for May 13. If you know of a good project for our volunteers, please let me know.

Serving Him Together,  
 Bro. Mark E. Sickling

God ALL  
 WITH things are  
 Possible

### Vacation Bible School Coming Soon

Symsonia Baptist Church  
 June 5-9, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Registration link on Facebook  
 page

Memorial Baptist Church  
 June 11-15, 5:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Ages: 3 years old - 6th grade

Hazel Baptist Church  
 June 18-23, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Briensburg Baptist Church  
 June 19-23, 8:45 a.m. - noon

Salem Baptist Church  
 June 25-29, 6:00-8:30 p.m.  
 Dinner nightly @ 5:15 p.m.

Bethel Baptist Church  
 June 26-29, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

### Bags of Hope Pantry list for MAY

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

### Bags of Hope Ministry

In March we were able to help **250** people, **52** of those were new. We gave out **2,767** food items, **137** bread, and **106** personal hygiene items.

We were able to share the gospel with 25 people. Praise the Lord we had 2 people 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



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 May

11th Hailey Roach, Hazel  
 22nd Scott Penick, New Harmony  
 23rd Ann Salmon, Coldwater  
 24th Royce Dukes, New Bethel  
 25th Mae Cope, Flint  
 27th Damian Alvarez, El Manantial

HAPPY Anniversary

13th Robert & Sarah Bratcher, Altona  
 16th Kyle & Shania McKinney, Pleasant Valley  
 24th Glenn & Mae Cope, Flint



First Sunday

Chris Moore, Sharpe (2008)

Second Sunday

Carl Butler, Pleasant Hope (2022)



BRBA Men's Golf Scramble  
 June 3rd @ 8:00 a.m.  
 Miller Golf Course in Murray  
 Get your teams ready & turn  
 in sign-up sheet & fee today.



### 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;  
 Learn how you or your church can  
 partner with missionaries; worship with  
 other followers of Christ.



# Blood River Review

MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

May 2023



### Pastor's Prayer Times

5<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office  
 12<sup>th</sup> Not Meeting/ Jerusalem Project  
 19<sup>th</sup> Not Meeting/ AMS Leadership Conf  
 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office

## What's Happening

### May, 2023

4th National Day of Prayer  
 5th 8:30 a.m. Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office  
 6th 11:00-2:30 Women' Conference, Locust Grove **(must register)**  
 7th SBC Seminary Sunday  
 10th 1:00 p.m. Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office  
 11th 6:00 p.m. Constitution Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office  
 12th-13th Jerusalem Project  
 14th Mother's Day  
 14th - 19th Christian Home Week  
 17th 7:30 a.m. Pastor's Breakfast @ Martha's in Murray  
 17th - 19th AMS Leadership Advance - Lexington KY  
 20th Armed Forces Day  
 21st Children's Ministry Sunday  
 26th 8:30 a.m. Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office  
 29th Memorial Day **(Office Closed)**

### June, 2023 (mark your calendar)

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

### BRIENSBURG:

Here at the end of the school year we are very excited for our graduating seniors and will be honoring them on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>. We then turn our attention to celebrating the mothers and godly ladies at Briensburg who give so much of themselves in ministry. Our church family is saying goodbye to Bro. Rockne and Mrs. Dianne as they enter the retirement chapter of their lives. We will be having a retirement banquet for them after the morning service on the 21<sup>st</sup>. This community has been greatly blessed by the ministry of Bro. Rockne and he will be sorely missed here at Briensburg. Blessings in Christ as we minister together.

### HAZEL:

We want to welcome to our church family by baptism Keith Davis and Jason Mangrum. Also, we want to welcome to our fellowship by letter Gary & Gail Patrum and Jason & Tiffany Chadwick. 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 Friends and Family Day. Finally, HBC is hosting a mission trip to Mountain View Baptist Camp to help them get ready for summer camps. If you are interested in going and working you may contact Bro. Jordan Roach at 270-873-9222 by May 1st.

### NEW BETHEL:

We had a fun Easter Egg Hunt for our youngsters on March 25th, and we had a great Easter Message from Brother Royce on Easter Sunday April 9th. On April 11th our New Bethel Young at Heart Seniors enjoyed a meal out at Parcell's in Draffenville. On April 15th our Youth Group had a Lock-In here in our FLC. We have a great group of young people and great Youth Leaders, Matthew and Melissa Bouland. On Sunday April 16th, we observed The Lord's Supper, as ordained by our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. On Sunday April 23rd in our Evening Service, Brother Royce is beginning a study on Baptist Biblical Doctrine, what and why we believe as Baptists. On Sunday April 30th we will be having our 5th Sunday Fellowship meal. We contributed over \$700.00 to the Haven of Hope Baby Bottle Offering to help with the great work they do. Pray for our Pastors, Churches, Schools, Kids, Leaders and our Country.

**O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.**  
*Psalm 34:3*

### SALEM:

On April 2 Brandi Byrd was baptized. We welcome her and husband, Gary, to our church family. We had fun cooking "pounds" of sausage, bacon and numerous batches of pancakes on Saturday, April 8. After eating and fellowshiping, we turned our attention to the Easter egg hunt, awarding prizes and playing in the bouncy house! The weather cooperated, and we had a good turnout. On Easter Sunday Bro. Frankie brought the message of The Empty Tomb. Jesus was not there! He is risen! On the 16th Michael Olsteen was baptized. We welcome him to our church family. On Sunday afternoon, Bro. Frankie and Kristina's son, Bro. Kyle McKinney, was ordained at Pryorsburg Baptist Church. He will be the Pastor at Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Benton. His wife is Shania, and they have a son, Deacon. We pray God will bless his ministry there. On Sunday night we were blessed to have Bro. Mike Comstock speak at our evening service. Bro. Mike and his wife, Amy, are missionaries to England. We are praying for that ministry also.

**But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works. Psalm 73:28 KJV**

### SUGAR CREEK:

We had a great month of April; God has blessed us in many ways at Sugar Creek Baptist church. We had a great Easter celebrating our risen Savior, we also had a new member join the church, that is always a blessing. We have had several visitors lately, and we are so grateful for them. Coming up on May 20th at 4:30pm we will be having a fish fry to honor our two high school graduates, Kenzie Dick and Troy Crass. We are so proud of both of them and looking forward to seeing what God has in store for them in their next chapters in life. We want everyone to know they are welcome to come join us at Sugar Creek Baptist church. Sunday School is at 8:45, Sunday morning service is at 9:30, Sunday and Wednesday night service is at 6:00pm.

**Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Proverbs 4:25**

### Books of the Bible Puzzle



Unscramble the name of each book of the Bible and write it correctly in the blank. Then write the letter from each numbered position in the corresponding blank at the bottom of the page. You'll spell a phrase that's used to describe the word of God.

We've done the first one for you as an example.

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|---------------|------|-----|
| 1. UTRH       | Ruth | (3) |
| 2. TWAMHET    |      | (5) |
| 3. BOPERRSV   |      | (5) |
| 4. SUBNEMR    |      | (7) |
| 5. WRESHBE    |      | (6) |
| 6. USAJHO     |      | (2) |
| 7. MORASN     |      | (1) |
| 8. GEJDSU     |      | (3) |
| 9. STREEH     |      | (3) |
| 10. HMOLIPEN  |      | (2) |
| 11. LINEDA    |      | (5) |
| 12. SEESING   |      | (5) |
| 13. SHEEPISAN |      | (2) |
| 14. CLAIMHA   |      | (7) |
| 15. HARMEEJI  |      | (3) |
| 16. AGHAIG    |      | (6) |
| 17. SNAGILATA |      | (5) |

The Bible is also known as the

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 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17



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### Churches Currently without Pastors

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

**Women's Conference**  
 MAY 6, 2023  
 11 AM - 2:30 PM

Lunch Prizes

Locust Grove Baptist Church  
 1871 Locust Grove Road  
 Murray Ky. 42071

Striving to be a Godly Woman in Today's World  
**Guest Speakers: Lori Scott & Hailey Roach**  
*Limited seating, must PRE-REGISTER online*  
 March 27th ~ April 17th at:  
[www.locustgrovemurray.org](http://www.locustgrovemurray.org)

**Happy Mother's Day**  
 May 14th

*A mother's love will never end it is there from beginning to end*

## Pastor's Breakfast

May 17th @ 7:30 a.m.  
 Martha's in Murray



## revival

**Revival Among Churches - 7:00 p.m. Nightly**

- May 1st** - Grace Baptist w/Bro. Jack Kee
- May 2nd** - Union Ridge Baptist w/Bro. Scott Penick
- May 3rd** - Attend services @ home church
- May 4th** - Holly Hills Baptist w/Bro. James Stom
- May 5th** - Owens Chapel Baptist w/Bro. Duane Holland
- May 6th** - New Harmony Baptist w/Bro. Kim Reeder



**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
**May 4th, 2023**  
 Please Pray for Our Nation!!!



**Armed Forces Day**  
**May 20th**  
 Thank to all who are currently serving in the military



**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**May 29th**  
 On this Memorial Day, Remember the fallen, Honor their Service and Sacrifice, and Rejoice in your Freedom.  
**(Office will be closed)**