Mark's Memo:

The first Saturday in May here in Kentucky and beyond is all about what is taking place at Churchill Downs in Louisville KY. While the Kentucky Derby has been described as the most exciting two minutes in American sports, I am more excited about what God is doing and about to do among the churches of Blood River Baptist Association.

Several of our churches are once again participating in a "Roving Revival" May 6-11, 2024. These joint revival services are great opportunities for fellowship and worship, and I hope and pray many of you will choose to support these special services. You can find additional information in the calendar of events section of this newsletter.

I am also excited about two upcoming training events being held here at Blood River Baptist Association.

Personalize The Mission: Mobilizing Every Member as a Witness, April 29, 6:00 p.m., Blood River Baptist Association; Led By Dr. Kenny Rager, KBC Evangelism Consultant

There Is Hope For Your Church: Church Revitalization Workshop, May 13, 6:30 p.m., Blood River Baptist Association, with Dr. Ian Carrico, Bro. Ryan Baker, Pastor, Oscar Baptist Church, and Bro. Keith Allred, Pastor, Chief Cornerstone Baptist, Mayfield.

These workshops are for pastors; deacons; and church members that want to see their churches healthy and growing. I hope many of you will plan on participating. Your gifts to the Cooperative Program and to Blood River Baptist Association are covering the cost, so there is no cost for you to participate. However, you are asked to register for the **Hope For Your Church conference** at the KBC Website: <u>https://kentuckybaptist-ccr.regfox.com/there-is-hope-for-your-church-church-revitalization-workshop-ian</u>.

Finally, there will be a Disaster Relief Benefit Singing at the Badgett Playhouse in Grand Rivers on May 31, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to BRBA DR.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling



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> Newsletter deadline for June 2024 is <u>May 20th</u> EMAIL US AT: bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org Remember to limit your words to 175 & have your information in by the 20th of each month.



MAY IMPORTANT EVENTS TO REMEMBER

(look inside for more details)

- Roving Revival Among Churches
- Church Revitalization Workshop
- Disaster Relief Benefit Singing
 - Men's Golf Scramble

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Hailey Roa	ich, Hazel
Scott Penic	k, New Harmony
Ann Salmo	on, Coldwater
Mae Cope,	Flint

27th Damian Alverez, El Manantial

May Wedding Anniversaries

May Birthdays

- 13th Robert & Sarah Bratcher, Altona
- 24th Glenn & Mae Cope, Flint

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22nd

23rd

25th

- 25th Brandon & Heaven Shropshire, Bethlehem
- 27th David & Cara Chandler, New Bethel
- 29th Calvin & Annette Bryant, New Zion

May Church Anniversaries First Sunday Chris Moore, Sharpe (2008) Second Sunday Carl Butler, Pleasant Hope (2022) Third Sunday Rick Yarbrough, Ledbetter (2023) Prayer ISRAEL Sister Churches Our Youth Our Leaders Our Country Our Schools The Sick The Lost Each Other Missionaries Our Pastors Our Teachers **Churches without Pastors**

DISASTER RELIEF BENEFIT SINGING

MAY 31, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.

Featuring: The Liberty Boys Quartet

BADGETT PLAYHOUSE 1838 JH O'BRYAN GRAND RIVERS KY



To raise funds for the maintenance of equipment and vehicles and help with purchase of new vehicle for Disaster Relief Ministry.

Thank you for supporting, KY Baptist & Blood River Baptist Association Disaster Relief

<u>Churches Currently without Pastors</u>		
Elva	Oak Level	
Locust Grove	Old Salem Road	
New Bethel	Pleasant Valley	
New Providence	Spring Creek	

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<u>May, 2024</u>			
2nd		National Day of Prayer	
3rd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office	
5th		SBC Seminary Sunday	
6th	7:00 p.m.	Roving Revival @ Owens Chapel	
7th	7:00 p.m.	Roving Revival @ Holly Hills	
8th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office	
9th	7:00 p.m.	Roving Revival @ New Harmony	
10th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office	
10th	7:00 p.m.	Roving Revival @ Grace	
10th-11t	•	Jerusalem Project	
11th	7:00 p.m.	Roving Revival @ Union Ridge	
12th		Mother's Day	
13th	6:30 p.m.	Church Revive Training @ BRBA Office	
15th	7:30 a.m.	Pastor's Breakfast @ Four Seasons in Hardin	
17th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office	
18th		Armed Forces Day	
19th		Children's Ministry Sunday	
24th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office	
27th		Memorial Day (Office Closed)	
31st	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office	
31st	7:00 p.m.	Disaster Relief Benefit Singing @ Badgett	
		Playhouse, Grand Rivers	
<u>June, 2024 (Mark your calendar)</u>			
1st	8:00 a.m.	Men's Golf Scramble @ Ky Dam Golf Course	
2nd		Disaster Relief Sunday	
7th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office	
8th-10th		WMU Missions Celebration/Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, IN (Must register @ https://wmu.com/ home/wmu-missions-celebration-and-annual-meeting-2024/	
9th-12th		SBC Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, IN (register @ https://sbcannualmeeting.net/	
14th		Flag Day	
14th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office	
16th 20th		Father's Day First Day of Summer	
21st	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office	
23rd		Mission Dignity Sunday	
28th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office	



May Pastor's Prayer Times

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ROVING REVIVAL AMONG CHURCHES

May 6-11, 2024 7:00 pm Nightly

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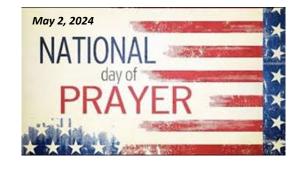
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31st

Scheduled Churches and Speakers:

Monday: Owens Chapel, Murray-Bro. Jack Kee Tuesday: Holly Hills, Calvert City-Bro. Kim Reeder Wednesday: Services at home churches Thursday: New Harmony, Benton-Bro. Duane Holland Friday: Grace, Murray-Bro. Scott Penick Saturday: Union Ridge, Aurora-Bro, James Stom





Pastor's **Breakfast** May 15th @ 7:30 a.m. 4 Season's in Hardin

tions to HBC!!! We honored our pastor's wife, Hailey Roach, for Pastor's Wife Appreciation with a monetary gift. All our Easter services (Cantata, Good Friday Service, Son Rise Service and Easter Worship) were spectacular!! God blessed us with His presence, and we give thanks for the ultimate gift He gave each one who accepts Him as their Savior. Coming up, on May 19th we will have Friends and Family Day and we will honor our graduates (Connor Callahan and Cole Lovins). Following the service, we will have a potluck meal. Plans are beginning for Vacation Bible School, June 16-21 with the theme being: The Great Jungle Journey. God is good all the time and all the time God is good! Prayers for our sister churches, especially

New Bethel

those without pastors. God's blessings on you all.

Here at New Bethel on March 31st, Easter Sunday, we started the morning service with the Baptism of one of our young ladies from our Youth Group. Praise the Lord!! From there Bro. David Chandler brought the Easter message that God laid on his heart. On April 7th, Bro. Steven Harris preached both morning and evening services, filling in for Bro. David. On Thursday, April 11th, a large group of our Young at Heart Seniors visited The Catfish House in Pryorsburg for their monthly outing. Our Ladies #2 Sunday School class is collecting summer clothes for the BRBA Bags of Hope Ministry. This ministry is such a blessing to our community. Our Pastor Search Committee has been very busy and we have a prospective Pastor who will be preaching both services on Sunday, April 28th with a Meet-and-Greet Fellowship Meal after the morning Service. Please pray for our Country, Israel, all World Leaders, our Schools, our Kids, the Teachers and all School Personnel.

"Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Proverbs 27:1

Sugar Creek

We are so Thankful, God truly blessed our church at the Easter egg hunt and grill out. It was a beautiful day we had a wonderful turnout. We also had a chili potluck where we got to fellowship with one another and enjoy wonderful homemade chili. We are looking forward to celebrating our graduates Shane Wyatt, Hayden Crass, and Zach Passino on May 4th with a fish fry, we are blessed to have them in our church. It is always a great time of the year at Sugar Creek Baptist Church. We sure hope you can come visit us. God has a bigger plan for me than I have for myself. Happy Spring!

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead".1 Peter 1:3

Bethlehem

We at Bethlehem Baptist have been busy doing the Lord's work, and have received many blessings. One of which is a new pastor, Bro. Brandon & Heaven Shropshire & their beautiful family. We have had several to join our congregation & 2 baptisms. We had our monthly breakfast fellowship on April 7th. (Those are our new pastor's favorites). We love them so much already. If anyone is looking for a church, come see us at Bethlehem. You will surely receive a blessing. Mother's Day is May 12th, may God bless them!! God Is Good ! Hazel

We are excited to welcome to our church family Tyler and Ashley Lawrence

and their children. We have been so blessed as God continues to bring addi-

Bags of Hope Pantry list for MAY

Altona--ravioli & mac-n-cheese Bethel-- hamburger helper & bars of soap Bethlehem--soup & mac-n-cheese Briensburg--pancake syrup & jiffy corn muffin mix Cherry Corner--chili & mixed vegetables Elva--peanut butter & canned potatoes Flint--pancake mix & Vienna sausage Gilbertsville--soup & black eved peas Grace--pancake mix & mixed vegetables Hamlet--spam & bars of soap Hazel--soup & black eved peas Holly Hills--pancake mix & canned tomatoes Kirksey--peanut butter & jiffy corn muffin mix Lakeview--spam & Manwich/sloppy joe mix Ledbetter--black-eved peas & canned tomatoes Locust Grove--chili & pork-n-beans Memorial--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix New Bethel--soup & canned chicken New Harmony--pancake mix & canned tomatoes New Zion--beef stew & jiffy corn muffin mix Northside--beef stew & mixed vegetables Oak Grove--pancake svrup & bars of soap Olive--beef stew & canned potatoes Owens Chapel--soup & peanut butter Pleasant Hope--spam & mac-n-cheese Salem--hamburger helper & Vienna sausage Sinking Springs--ravioli & canned potatoes Spring Creek--spam & jiffy corn muffin mix Sugar Creek--soup & pork-n-beans Union Ridge--soup & canned tomatoes West Fork--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix

Bags of Hope Ministry

In March we were able to help **263** people , **43** of those were new. We gave out 3,138 food items, 103 bread, and 183 personal hygiene items. 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 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

