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Mark's Memo:

Well, our On Mission Celebration and our 154th Annual Meeting of Blood River Baptist Association have come and gone. I don't know about you, but I thoroughly enjoyed the On Mission Celebration and Annual Meeting. I enjoyed the worship times with brothers and sisters from Sister Churches and was both blessed and challenged by what our missionaries shared with us. If you would like to give me feedback on this event, you can do so by clicking on this link: <https://form.jotform.com/232904147565156>, or if you prefer, simply give me a call to share your opinions.

We are entering a busy time of year. November and December are full of church events; family events; and social events of one kind or another. As we prepare for and attend these events, it is my prayer that we will not let the busyness of our lives keep us from reflecting on God's unconditional love; His Faithfulness; and His never-ending mercy and grace. Furthermore, I hope you will take time during this holiday season to Thank God for all that He has done; is doing; and will do for you, your family, your church, and your association.

Furthermore, I hope you will join me in "**praying for the peace of Jerusalem.**" While, we know there will be no lasting peace, until Jesus returns to set up His Kingdom on earth, it is my prayer that the nation of Israel and the Palestinian people alike would recognize that Jesus loves them; died for them; triumphantly rose from the dead; is now sitting at the right hand of His Heavenly Father and desperately wants to be their personal LORD and Savior. Jesus is the only answer to this world's growing problems.

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark E. Sickling



In every thing give thanks,
 for this is the will of God in
 Christ Jesus concerning you.
1 Thessalonians 5:18



Pastor's/Board Members/Wives
 Christmas Dinner
 December 14 @ 6:30 p.m.
 Northside Baptist Church
 884 Radio Road
 Almo KY
 You must RSVP by 12/11/23
 Call 270-437-4203

Churches Currently without Pastors

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



ISRAEL

Our Leaders	Sister Churches	Our Youth
Our Country	Our Schools	The Sick
The Lost	Each Other	Missionaries



Week of Prayer for IMB & Lottie Moon
 Christmas Offering **December 3-10, 2023**
 Your gifts support gospel transformation
 around the world.

Pray for missionaries around the world
 who are faithfully sharing the gospel!

November 13 Pastor's Conference Somerset KY

The conference will feature Steve Gaines,
 Brent Leatherwood, Nick Moore, Erik Reed
 and Andrew Walker.

More info at <https://www.kybaptist.org/pastorsconference/>



Bags of Hope Pantry list for NOVEMBER

Altona--ravioli & indiv wrapped cookies for kids
 Bethel--Vienna sausage & bars of soap
 Bethlehem--Manwich or sloppy joe & black-eyed peas
 Briensburg--spam & black eyed peas
 Cherry Corner--saltine crackers & black eyed peas
 Elva--ravioli & bars of soap
 Flint--canned potatoes & Vienna sausage
 Gilbertsville--ravioli & bars of soap
 Grace--chili & bars of soap
 Hamlet-- spaghetti sauce (no glass jars) & jiffy corn muffin mix
 Hazel--saltine crackers & chili
 Holly Hills--beef stew & saltine crackers
 Kirksey--Vienna sausage & jiffy corn muffin mix
 Lakeview--Manwich or sloppy joe & fruit snacks for kids
 Ledbetter--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
 Locust Grove--canned tomatoes & canned red beans
 Memorial-- cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
 New Bethel--ravioli & bars of soap
 New Harmony--spam & canned white beans
 New Zion--pancake syrup & Vienna sausage
 Northside--beef stew & saltine crackers
 Oak Grove --spaghetti sauce (no glass jars) & bars of soap
 Olive--Vienna sausage & saltine crackers
 Owens Chapel--saltine crackers & fruit snacks for kids
 Pleasant Hope--pancake syrup & indiv wrapped cookies/Kids
 Salem--spaghetti sauce (no glass jars) & spaghetti noodles
 Sinking Springs--saltine crackers & canned white beans
 Spring Creek--Vienna sausage & black eyed peas
 Sugar Creek-- pancake syrup & jiffy corn muffin mix
 Union Ridge--spam & indiv wrapped p-n-b crackers/kids
 West Fork--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix

Bags of Hope Ministry

In September we were able to help **231** people, **59** of those were new. We gave out **2,288** food items, **241** bread, and **91** 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



Attention: Change in hours at Bags of Hope effective 11/2/2023.

OPEN 1 - 4 p.m. Monday & Thursday

Newsletter deadline for December 2023
 is November 20th

EMAIL US AT:

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



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Blood River Review

NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

November, 2023

1st		Freeda Harris Toys due @ BRBA Office
2nd	9:00 a.m.	Pack Toys for Freeda Harris @ BRBA Office
3rd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
5th		Fall Back - Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour
7th		Election Day - Office Closed
8th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee mtg @ BRBA Office
10th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
11th		Veteran's Day
12th		Orphan/Widows Sunday
13th		Pastor's Conference in Somerset
14th		KBC Annual Meeting in Somerset
15th	12:00 noon	Pastor's Luncheon @ Pagliai's Pizza in Murray
17th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
23rd		Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
24th		Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed

December, 2023 (mark your calendar)

1st	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
3rd - 9th		Week of Prayer for IMB & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
8th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
13th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
14th	6:30 p.m.	Executive Board Mtg/Christmas Dinner @ BRBA (must RSVP)
15th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
18th - Jan. 2nd		Christmas Holidays - Office Closed
21st		First Day of Winter.... Burrrrr
31st		New Year's Eve



Thank You
for serving our country &
protecting our freedoms!
We Salute You!

Pastor's Luncheon
November 15 @ 12:00 noon
Pagliai's Pizza in Murray



November	
Pastor's Prayer Times	
3rd	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
10th	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
17th	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office



6 th	Calvin Bryant, New Zion
23 rd	Brett Miles, Northside
29 th	Alice Farmer, Vanzora



1st Johnny & Bonnie Coffenberry, Hamlet



Second Sunday

Brandon Bramlett, Locust Grove (2017)
James Stom, Owens Chapel (1984)

Fourth Sunday

Greg Cagle, Spring Creek (2022)



Time Changes
November 5th
Turn Clocks Back
1 Hour



Office Closed
November 23rd & 24th

HAPPY
thanksgiving

November 7th
Your Vote Counts,
Get out and Vote
Office Closed



BRIENSBURG:

We are experiencing a fantastic Fall of ministry here at Briensburg Baptist. Our annual Fall outreach event has been revamped as Family Fall Festival and will be more focused on families spending time together. It will be November 4th from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Then we are excited to have Bro. Brett Miles with us November 5th-8th for our Fall Revival. On November 12th we will have our annual Thanksgiving Celebration Meal/OCC Packing Party. This is a night of fellowship, thanksgiving, and missional outreach for our church family. We have much to be thankful for as a church as we have seen many come to Christ this year as well as many being involved in ministry and missions. We continue to pray for all of you as our sister churches. Blessings in Christ as we minister together.

FERGUSON SPRINGS

Ferguson Springs held their October 8th services at Land Between the Rivers near where the old church stood. We had a great time of fellowship with music, a sermon and a potluck meal afterwards. There were 68 in attendance. We will be having our Fall Revival November 2 - 4 @ 7:00 p.m. each night with Bro. Dale Taylor bringing us the messages. Everyone is welcome to join us to see what God has in store for Ferguson Springs.

NEW BETHEL:

Here at New Bethel, our Pastor Search Committee is still looking for the man that God has prepared to be our Pastor. In the meantime, we welcome Bro. David Chandler as our Interim Pastor, along with his wife Cara and daughter Ava Rae. We want to give a big THANK YOU to Bro. Kevin Royalty for filling in and preaching God's Word and leading Bible Studies for the past few months and pray that he and his wife Saletta continue doing God's will in their Church and wherever God leads them. We're now in the midst of the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Ministry, making kids all over the world happy and showing them the Love of Jesus. We are having a Fall Fellowship Lunch and Fall Festival on Sunday, October 29th, with chili, soup, sandwiches, etc. and games, candy, more games, more candy! Please pray for our Country, our Leaders and especially Israel. Also keep our Interim Pastor, Bro. David and his family in your prayers.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.
James 4:10

SALEM:

Our fall Jubilee was uplifting and reviving! Bro. Daniel McKinney was our Evangelist Sunday morning through Thursday night. The devil tried to cause problems with his voice, but Bro. Daniel persevered. We had beautiful music each night. KT&T blessed us on Sunday night, and we had other talented musicians throughout the week. One was saved and seeds were planted!! On the 8th we had a potluck meal to kick off the revival and celebrate Pastor Appreciation month. We appreciate Bro. Frankie and Kristina and their ministry at Salem. They give, care, serve us and the community. They definitely serve the Lord with gladness! Those who were able to go enjoyed the Associational meetings and hearing from some very dedicated missionaries. Our Trunk or Treat will be on October 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 to include a chili supper. Our youth meetings and young disciple meetings are growing each week. We thank the Lord for sending these children to Salem for Bible study, a meal and fun. Bro. Frankie took our Wednesday night service outside on a beautiful fall night and read scripture about the stars, the moon and the trees. On Sunday, October 22 we will have a baptism. Praise the Lord!

"BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not." 1 John 3:1. KJV

SPRING CREEK:

The Thanksgiving season is upon us again. The Lord has blessed us in many ways, especially the gift of eternal life. We are thankful for the blessing of our nation with liberty and freedom. We are thankful for the freedom to worship without the fear of persecution. This Thanksgiving will be an important time for our church. We will be hosting a Thanksgiving service for five churches on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. For all who love Jesus, it's time to be thankful

SUGAR CREEK

Fall has officially arrived and we are so excited for all the things to come. We kicked off this season with our fall revival at the end of September and Trunk or Treat night at the end of October. We had a great time and God truly blessed us all. This month our youth group will be shopping for the Freeda Harris Toy drive, each year they enjoy this mission outreach. We have recently added a new Sunday school class beginning at 8:45 a.m. for young women with infants class, thank you Renee Ramsey for leading this class for young women to come and feel comfortable studying the Bible while bringing their young children along. We also have several other classes for all ages, we would love to have you if you don't yet have a church family. Sunday, November 12th at 5:00 p.m. we will have a dessert, coffee, and tea social to fellowship with one another. We are looking forward to all that God has in store for us the rest of 2023.
You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light.
2 Samuel 22:29



Thanksgiving Word Search

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COLONY	HARVEST	TURKEY	PARADE
MAYFLOWER	FAMILY	STUFFING	DINNER
NOVEMBER	GATHERING	THANKFUL	FEAST