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Mark's Memo:

New Zion Baptist Church has agreed to host this year's Sr. Adult Rally on September 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP to 270-437-4203 by September 4. Tickets are \$7.00 each and may be paid for at the door. This year's entertainment is Graig and Terry Wortham of Murray, also known as "Ma & Pa Kettle."

Our On Mission Celebration, scheduled for October 15-16, 2023, is quickly approaching. This is going to be an exciting time of worship; fellowship; missions education and connecting with missionaries and their ministries. **Calloway County Churches** are asked to transfer their evening services on Sunday, October 15, to **Northside Baptist Church** from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. While **Marshall County Churches** will be meeting at **Briensburg Baptist Church** from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 15.

The speakers at Northside on Sunday, October 15, 2023, will be Dr. Eric Gibbs, of LiveLove Ministries in Arizona, and Bro. Harrell Riley, KBC Missionary and founder of HR Ministries, Princeton, KY. While the speakers at Briensburg on Sunday, October 15, 2023, will be Bro. Edwin Pacheco, a Church Planter in New York City, and Dr. Nik Ripen, IMB retired.

After our worship time and hearing from these missionaries there will be a Missions Fair and Fellowship at each location where you will have an opportunity to meet additional missionaries; receive missionary and ministry information; and ask one on one questions of all participating missionaries.

You will not want to miss this opportunity for worship, missions education, and fellowship. You will be blessed, and you will have an opportunity to learn how you and your church can be "On Mission With Christ and His Missionaries."

Then, on Monday, October 16, at Briensburg Baptist Church all of our churches are invited to participate in the Annual Meeting of Blood River Baptist Association. All participating Missionaries from our OMC will be present, and we will hear another message from Dr. Eric Gibbs and Dr. Nik Ripken. So, make your plans to attend this year's On Missions Celebration on October 15-16.

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark E. Sickling

Newsletter deadline for October 2023

is

September 20th

EMAIL US AT:

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

*DON'T MISS
 THE DEADLINE!*

**Please get your churches ACP's
 returned to the association office
 no later than 9/11/23.**

Thank you very much!!!

September

Happy Birthday

- 3rd Melissa Norsworthy, Blood River
- 5th Amy Dotson, Olive
- 7th Sammy Cunningham, Sinking Springs
- 7th Darrell Walker, Gilbertsville
- 12th Kristina McKinney, Salem
- 14th Joanne Rollins, Oak Level
- 17th Kristin Sickling, BRBA
- 20th Kevin Harris, Poplar Spring
- 21st Jennifer Cagle, Spring Creek
- 24th Sally Stom, Owens Chapel
- 27th Shania McKinney, Pleasant Valley



First Sunday

Martin Severns, Memorial (2007)

Second Sunday

Sammy Cunningham, Sinking Springs (2020)

Third Sunday

Rick Miller, Symsonia (2000)



- 3rd Jeff & Melissa Norsworthy, Blood River
- 16th Ken & Michelle Jewell, Opportunity
- 19th Jerry & Joanne Rollins, Oak Level
- 22nd Charles & Robin LaChance, Bethel
- 23rd Todd & Amy Dotson, Olive



Prayer Requests

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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 | |



Men & Boy's Breakfast
 September 23, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m.
 Memorial Baptist Church
 Come for a fun time of fellowship!!!



Eliza Broadus Offering*

September 10th-17th
 Week of Prayer for State Missions
 & Eliza Broadus Offering

Bags of Hope Pantry list for SEPTEMBER

- Altona - spam & spaghetti noodles
- Bethel - dry pinto beans & Manwich or sloppy joe sauce
- Bethlehem - dry great northern white beans & fruit snacks for kids
- Briensburg - dry pinto beans & canned red beans
- Cherry Corner - saltine crackers & vienna sausage
- Elva - spam & canned tomatoes
- Flint - saltine crackers & canned tomatoes
- Gilbertsville - black eyed peas & saltine crackers
- Grace - cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Hamlet - saltine crackers & bars of soap
- Hazel - spam & black eyed peas
- Holly Hills - rice (1lb bag) & dry great northern white beans
- Kirksey - canned tomatoes & canned white beans
- Lakeview - ice (1lb bag) & spaghetti noodles
- Ledbetter - dry pinto beans & bars of soap
- Locust Grove - chicken-n-dumplings & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Memorial - cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- New Bethel - canned pinto beans & saltine crackers
- New Harmony - chicken-n-dumplings & canned pinto beans
- New Zion - canned tomatoes & saltine crackers
- Northside - dry white great northern beans & spam
- Oak Grove - dry pinto beans & canned pinto beans
- Olive - spaghetti sauce (no glass jars) & spaghetti noodles
- Owens Chapel - canned white beans & chicken-n-dumplings
- Pleasant Hope - chicken-n-dumplings & spaghetti noodles
- Salem - vienna sausage & canned pinto beans
- Sinking Springs - canned tomatoes & bars of soap
- Spring Creek - spam & bars of soap
- Sugar Creek - spam & saltine crackers
- Union Ridge - dry pinto beans & spam
- West Fork - cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix

Bags of Hope Ministry

In July we were able to help **236** people, **21** of those were new. We gave out **2,406** food items, **65** bread, and **104** 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 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



September 23, 2023

Blood River Review

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



September, 2023

1 st	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
4 th		Labor Day (Office Closed)
8 th	4:00 p.m.	Senior Adult Rally @ New Zion Baptist
8 th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
10 th		Happy Grandparent's Day
10 th -17 th		2023 Season of Prayer for State Missions
11 th		Deadline all ACP's to be turned into Office
12 th	5:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
13 th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee mtg @ BRBA Office
15 th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
16 th		Children's Mission Day
20 th	7:30 a.m.	Pastor's Breakfast @ Four Little Pigs, Benton
22 nd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
23 rd	8:00 a.m.	Men/Boys Breakfast @ Memorial Baptist
23 rd		First Day of Fall !!!
29 th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

October, 2023 (mark your calendars)

6 th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
8 th		Pastor Appreciation Day
9 th		Columbus Day
11 th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee mtg @ BRBA Office
13 th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
15 th -21 st		Week of Prayer - Baptist Assoc/William Skinner
15 th	5:00 p.m.	OMC @ Briensburg Baptist
15 th	5:00 p.m.	OMC @ Northside Baptist
16 th	3:00 p.m.	Annual Mtg (Session #1) @ Briensburg Baptist
16 th	5:30 p.m.	Annual Mtg (Session #2) @ Briensburg Baptist
20 th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
23 rd	10:00 a.m.	WMU Quarterly Mtg @ BRBA Office
27 th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office



**September
Pastor's Prayer Times**

1 st	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
8 th	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
15 th	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
22 nd	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
29 th	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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.

Freedra Harris Toy Drive 2023

August 1 - October 29
New toys - for boys/girls
6 months - 16 yrs old
DO NOT WRAP
Toys due at churches - October 29
Toys due to BRBA - November 1
Toys to be packed @ BRBA office November 2 @ 9:00 a.m.



NEED WRAPPING PAPER/TAPE
18 x 16 x 18 Medium moving boxes



2023 SENIOR ADULT RALLY

September 8, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

New Zion Baptist Church

Featuring: "Ma & Pa Kettles"

Graig & Terry Wortham

Cost: \$7/per person

MUST RSVP by calling 270-437-4203 by 9/4/23

HAZEL:

We want to welcome to our church family by baptism Katie Clinger. In VBS \$13,622 plus 2,000 food items were raised for the Blessings Box in Hazel. The long-awaited move to get back into our remodeled sanctuary is quickly approaching. Plans are being made to be in on July 30, 2023, and a potluck will be after the service. Our attendance in Sunday School and worship services has been increasing and we are giving God Almighty the glory for each thing He has done. May God bless you all.

"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

NEW BETHEL:

On Thursday August 3rd, our Young at Heart Seniors traveled to Duncan's for their monthly outing. Our Bus Ministry is just now starting up with driver's signed up and the search is on for riders, and I believe God will honor our effort with a full bus in the coming months. We here at New Bethel have been blessed with messages from Bro. Kevin Royalty and Bro. David Chandler. We watched the movie "War Room" and are now doing the Bible Study that goes with it in our Sunday night service, and on Wednesday nights, we have a Bible Study on the Book of James with Bro. Royalty. We have a Back to School Ice Cream Social on Sunday August 20th, with Ice Cream and Prayers for Students, Teachers and all the school support personnel. Our Pastor Search Committee has a Pastor coming to preach trial sermons on Sunday, September 3rd & Sunday, September 10th, with a fellowship meal on September 3rd to get acquainted with this pastor.

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

SALEM:

One of our deacons, Johnny Williams, has gone home to be with the Lord. Johnny was a very dedicated leader at Salem. Over the years he was a Sunday School teacher, Discipleship Training Director, Trustee, Deacon and any other position in which he was needed. We appreciate his dedication for our church. His love for the Lord shined brightly. We are praying for his family during this difficult time. In other church news, it's "back to school" time! The sanctuary was decorated in a back-to-school theme, and we had a children's church sermon to let the children know we are praying for them at this busy time. Bro. Frankie involved the youth and young disciples in a message just for them, and the church supplied each child with school supplies he or she will need for school this year. The children were very appreciative! Bro. Frankie and Kristina were blessed with a new grandson in August! The entire family is excited! Congratulations to Daniel and Callie! Plans are underway for our fall Revival and other activities.

"The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust in him." Nahum 1:7 KJV

SPRING CREEK:

September is a time of rejoicing for us. We will be celebrating homecoming on September 17th. Our church was organized in 1884 which makes it a very old church. We will be celebrating 139 years of service to the Lord with a great time of fellowship with old members and enjoy good food and fine music. We invite everyone to come and enjoy Christian fellowship with us.

SUGAR CREEK:

We have had a great summer, and we hope you all have too. We are continuing to pray for the teachers and students as schools have started back. We are looking forward to our fall revival September 11th-13th, it will be inside the church this year. Everyone is invited and we would love to see you there. Sunday September 24th we will have homecoming. If you don't have a church home join us every Sunday morning at 8:45am for Sunday school, we have classes for all ages. Worship service to follow at 9:30am. Our Sunday night and Wednesday night services begin at 6:00pm. Please join us!

"The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing." Zephaniah 3:17 (KJV)



ESL Workshop

Saturday, October 14, 2023

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Graves Co Baptist Association,
1400 KY Hwy 303, Mayfield, KY

The cost is \$15 per person

and includes all materials, meals and breaks.

To register - call 270-247-7947 or email gravesbaptist@bellsouth.net

Participants will be equipped to use

English as a Second Language as a ministry tool in their local church.



Churches Currently without Pastors

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



Grandparents were created by God and for God.

September 10th

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10.



ACP's Have Been Delivered/Mailed

The deadline for completion is 9/11/23

If they are completed online, please notify the office once you have submitted it.

If you have questions, please call the office at 270-437-4203



September 20th @ 7:30 a.m.
Pastor's Breakfast @ Four Little Pigs in Benton. Come join us !!!!!