



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2026

1st		Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church
2nd		Freeda Harris Toys Due to BRBA Office
3rd		Election Day (Office Closed)
4th	9:00 am	Freeda Harris Toys Packing Party @ BRBA Office
6th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
8th		Daylight Savings Time ends (Do not forget to set your clocks back!)
8th		Orphans & Widow Sunday
9th	6:00 pm	CYIA Gathering, First Baptist Benton, Benton, KY
9th		KBC Pastor's Conference, First Baptist Church, Richmond, KY FMI: www.kybaptist.org/event/pastors-conference-2026/
10th		KBC Annual Meeting, First Baptist Church Richmond, KY FMI: www.kybaptist.org/event/kbc-annual-meeting-richmond/
10th	10:00 am	Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
11th	1:00 pm	Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
11th		Veteran's Day
13th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
18th	noon	Pastor's Luncheon @ Rudy's on the Square, Murray, KY
20th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
25th-27th		Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)
26th		Thanksgiving
29th-Dec 5th		Week of Prayer Internation Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 2026 (mark your calendar)

1st	10:00 am	Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
4th	8:30am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
9th	1:00 pm	Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
10th	6:30 pm	Pastor/Mission Board Members & Wives Christmas Dinner @ Sharpe Baptist, Benton, KY
11th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
14th	6:00 pm	CYIA Gathering, First Baptist Benton, Benton, KY
20th-Jan 3rd		BRBA Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
25th		Christmas Day—Merry Christmas!!



CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP

CYIA

(CHRISTIAN YOUTH IN ACTION)

GATHERING

For teens from all Bible Believing churches to fellowship together and grow deeper in the Word of God

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Supper
- Games
- Going deeper in God's word

FOR MORE INFORMATION
RSVP APPRECIATED
BUT NOT REQUIRED

**REMINDER:
BRING YOUR BIBLE**

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 9, 2026
6:00-8:00 PM**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
BENTON, KY
910 MAIN ST
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
ENTER AND PICK UP
AT THE SIDE UNDER THE
DRIVE THROUGH**

CALL: 573-819-9707

DECEMBER GATHERING: DECEMBER 14, 2026



Bags of Hope Ministry

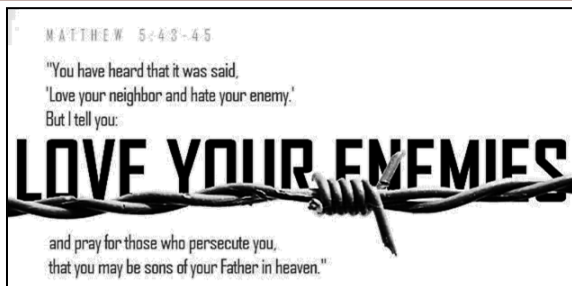
In September, we were able to help 378 people, of which 56 were new. We gave out 3,015 food items, 532 bread, and 136 personal hygiene items. Thank you and may God Bless our donors and clients!

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 8:00 am - 2:00 p.m. if more convenient.

Bags of Hope Pantry list for November

Altona – Peanut Butter & Chili
Bethel – Vienna Sausage & Canned Carrots
Bethlehem – Peanut Butter & Pork ‘n Beans
Briensburg – Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce (no glass jars please)
Cherry Corner – Cereal & Canned Tomatoes
Elva – Spam & Dried Black Eyed Peas
Flint – Tuna & Instant Potatoes
Gilbertsville – Spam & Canned White Beans
Grace – Vienna Sausage & Mac ‘n Cheese
Hamlet – Chili & Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
Hazel – Canned Chicken & Chicken Noodle Soup
Holly Hills – Spam & Canned Green Beans
Kirksey – Vienna Sausage & Canned Green Peas
Lakeview – Ravioli & Pork ‘n Beans
Ledbetter – Chicken Noodle Soup & Canned Carrots
Locust Grove – Pancake Mix & Syrup
Memorial – Canned Corn & Instant Potatoes
New Bethel – Canned Chicken & Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
New Harmony – Canned Potatoes & Mixed Vegetables
New Mt. Carmel – Dried White Beans & Canned Carrots
New Zion – Ravioli & Canned Tomatoes
Northside – Pancake Mix & Syrup
Oak Grove – Ravioli & Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
Olive – Vienna Sausage & Canned Potatoes
Owens Chapel – Peanut Butter & Kid’s Fruit Snacks
Pleasant Hope – Vienna Sausage & Bars of Soap
Spring Creek – Tuna & Ramen Noodles
Sugar Creek – Spam & Canned White Beans
Union Ridge – Canned Chicken & Bars of Soap
West Fork – Peanut Butter & Rice



Cherry Corner Baptist Church has a church organ, with full range foot pedals, multiple setting key, with some preset options available for **FREE**. Please message Mark Winchester at 270-293-5185. (Must transport yourself and very large will need help)



BETHLEHEM

As summer gives way to cooler mornings, we know the holiday season is just around the corner! With the busy days ahead, there are a few important dates to keep in mind for November. November 1st is the deadline to bring all items for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to the church. It is also the first Sunday of the month, which means it is time for our monthly church breakfast! Join us for delicious food and a wonderful time of fellowship. On November 4th, we will gather for our shoebox packing party as we prepare to bring joy to children around the world. Then, on November 14th, we will have our men's breakfast. All are welcome to attend and enjoy a morning of good food and fellowship. We look forward to sharing these special times together as we enter the holiday season!

NEW BETHEL

Here at New Bethel, our current Missions are the Bags of Hope Food Pantry (our items for October are Peanut Butter and Dried White Beans), the Freeda Harris Toy Drive which ends October 25th and the Shoebox Ministry (the gifts in these shoeboxes help spread the Gospel Message to kids and their parents all over the world) which is just beginning. We will also be donating Turkeys to Bags of Hope for their Mission to help everyone in our Community have a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner. On Saturday, October 24th, we are having our Fall Fellowship, with a Chili Supper, Hayride, Bingo and other Games and Prizes. On Sunday, October 25th, after lunch, our Youth Group and other Church members will be traveling to Southside Baptist Church in Princeton, KY to attend their presentation of Judgement House. Our Wednesday night Youth Classes and Sunday night Youth Center Shot Ministry have resumed after Fall Break.
1 Chronicles 16:34 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

SUGAR CREEK

This Fall has been a special time for our church family as we have gathered in worship, fellowship, and service. We are so thankful to everyone who has volunteered their time and helped make each event meaningful. It is a blessing to see our church family grow closer together as we share God's love with one another and our community. November brings a wonderful opportunity to focus on gratitude. Be sure to watch for upcoming church activities, fellowship opportunities, and special events throughout the month. We encourage everyone to get involved, invite a friend, and join us as we continue to grow in faith together.
As we prepare for Thanksgiving, may we remember the words of Psalm 107:1: "O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."



**Pastor & Wives and
Missions Board Members & Wives
Christmas Dinner**

December 10th @ 6:30 pm
Sharpe Baptist
Benton, KY

Please RSVP by December 7th
By calling (270) 437-4203

What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?

What would you have?

Pray, and Thank God.

Armor of God Word Search

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BELT	BIBLE	BREASTPLATE
DARTS	EPHESIANS	FAITH
GOSPEL	HELMET	PEACE
PRAYER	RIGHTEOUSNESS	SALVATION
SHIELD	SHOES	SPIRIT
SWORD	TRUTH	

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Help a less fortunate family enjoy a Christmas dinner! Each day add items to a box and by December 17th donate the items to Bags of Hope Food Pantry, 3265 Mayfield Hwy, Benton, KY.

- Box of cereal & 1 can of green beans
- Peanut Butter & 1 can of carrots
- Stuffing mix & 1 can of mixed vegetables
- Boxed potatoes & 1 can of corn
- Mac 'n cheese & 1 can of chicken noodle soup
- Canned fruit & 1 can of tomato soup
- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Tuna
- Dessert mix
- Jar of applesauce
- Can of sweet potatoes
- Cranberry sauce
- Chicken broth
- Canned ham
- Box of crackers
- Box of oatmeal
- Package of pasta
- Spaghetti sauce

Blood River Baptist Association
Rev. Mark Sickling, Director of Missions
P.O. Box 18, 47 Aurora Hwy.
Hardin, KY 42048-0018
270-437-4203



**Newsletter deadline for
December 2026 is November 18th**

EMAIL US AT:
bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org
Remember to limit your words to **175**.

Mark's Memos

I want to thank everyone who attended and participated in our annual meeting at Northside on October 12, 2026. While attendance was not what I had hoped, we still enjoyed some great preaching; worship; and fellowship. I appreciate all of the ministries that reported, and the business that was conducted. We should have the BRBA 2026 Annual ready for you to pick up before the end of the month.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention annual meeting will be held in Richmond, KY, on November 9-10. Please pray for the evangelistic efforts that will occur throughout the Richmond area the weekend prior to the convention. Also, pray the messengers to the annual meeting will conduct themselves in a Christian manner in the community and throughout the convention. Furthermore, pray that the decisions during the convention we will honor and glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we approach the busyness of the holiday season, I hope you will take some time to reflect on just how blessed we are as American Christians. Spend some time with the LORD thanking Him for His forgiveness; His faithfulness; His love and His Sovereignty.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling



3 Days 1 Treehouse

A Faith You Can Take Home

THRIVE is a three-day retreat for teen girls in grades 6-12 and the women who lead them.

Come grow deeper in Christ, build friendships, and discover what it looks like to live on mission right where you are.

FEATURING
Dr. Tara Dew
National speaker, author & Bible teacher



November 20-22
BAREFOOT REPUBLIC
FOUNTAIN RUN, KY

Expect:

- Treehouse lodging with your group
- All-female worship + worship band
- Practical Bible teaching & breakouts
- Missions & real stories from the field
- Gospel conversations & hands-on missions
- Campfire & outdoor fun
- Eliza's Cafe
- Dedicated breakouts for moms & female leaders

EARLY BIRD RATE (OCTOBER 31): \$149
REGULAR RATE: \$175
KYWMU.ORG/THRIVE

Blood River Review

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



November Pastor's Prayer Times

BRBA Office @ 8:30 am
6th, 13th, & 20th

November Birthdays

6th	Calvin Bryant, New Zion
21st	Vickie Frazier, Altona
22nd	Tiffany Collins, Poplar Spring (I)
23rd	Brett Miles, Northside
29th	Alice Farmer, Vanzora

ISRAEL

Our Leaders
Our Youth
Our Schools
Each Other
Our Pastors

THE LOST

Sister Churches
Our Country
The Sick
Missionaries
Our Teachers

Churches without Pastors



Churches Currently without Pastors

Bethel	Cherry Corner	Ferguson Springs
Holly Hills	Locust Grove	New Providence
Oak Grove	Oak Level	Owens Chapel
		Poplar Spring



Freedra Harris Toy Drive

August 1st thru October 25th

New toys for boys and girls

Ages 6 months to 16 years old

DO NOT WRAP!!

Toys due @ BRBA Office November 2nd

Packing Party @ BRBA Office November 4th 9 am

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

**NEED WRAPPING PAPER, TAPE,
& MEDIUM MOVING BOXES (18X16X18)**



Pastor's Luncheon
November 18th
12:00 PM Noon
@ Rudy's on the Square
Murray, KY



Have a blessed Thanksgiving.
The BRBA Office will be closed
November 25th-27th.



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to GOD.



PHILIPPIANS 4:6



LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING

November 29th-December 5th