

Blood River Baptist Association
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DEADLINE

JUST AHEAD

Newsletter deadline for
October 2026 is **September 22nd**

EMAIL US AT:
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Remember to limit your words to 175.

Mark's Memos

As we turn our calendars from August to September, most of us are looking forward to the heat and humidity of August to drop with the coming of Fall. The last quarter of the calendar year is typically a busy time here at Blood River Baptist Association.

In September we have our annual Sr. Adult Rally, which this year will be hosted by Hazel Baptist Church, on September 4. Please encourage your church to participate and RSVP by August 31. Additionally, September 10th is the deadline for ACP's to be returned to the office or completed online. So, please try to meet that deadline. Furthermore, much of September is focused on preparing for the annual meeting, such as preparing the Book of Reports. Finally, the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering takes place in September. Please give generously to this offering, since BRBA, Bags of Hope, Disaster Relief, and our WIN programs typically receive grants from this offering to do ministry here in our association.

The month of October tends to be about the Annual meeting. This year's BRBA Annual Meeting will be held on October 12, from 3:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church in Murray(Almo). Between the two sessions, our pastors and messengers will enjoy a meal together. Furthermore, on Sunday night, October 11, Northside Baptist Church will host our joint associational revival service at 6:00 p.m. Bro. Jason Hay, Evangelism Strategist for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

On top of all of the above, it is the season to collect KBC Christmas Backpacks and Freeda Harris toys. So, as you can see, there is a lot going on during the fall of the year at Blood River Baptist Association.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling

Freeda 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 @ churches October 25th

Toys due @ BRBA Office November 1st

Packing Party @ BRBA Office November 4th 9 am

NEED WRAPPING PAPER, TAPE,

& MEDIUM MOVING BOXES (18X16X18)

Please let the BRBA Office know if you are planning on having a Homecoming or Fall Revival!!

LET US KNOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2026

1st

10:00 am

Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office

4th

8:30 am

Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

4th

4:00 pm

Senior Adult Rally @ Hazel Baptist, Hazel, KY

RSVP: (270) 437-4203 by September 1st

7th

Labor Day (Office Closed)

9th

1:00 pm

Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office

10th

DEADLINE FOR ALL ACP'S TO BRBA OFFICE

11th

8:30 am

Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

12th

Disaster Relief Training @ Shelbyville, KY

FMI: www.kybaptist.org/disaster-relief/

13th

Grandparent's Day

13th

5:00 pm

Cancer Affects Everyone @ New Zion(see flyer for registration)

13th-19th

Eliza Broadus Offering and Week of Prayer

14th

6:00 pm

CEF Christian Youth In Action, Location TBD

FMI: call or text 573-819-9707

15th

DEADLINE FOR BOOK OF REPORTS TO THE BRBA OFFICE

16th

noon

Pastor's Luncheon @ Habanero, Draffenville, KY

18th

8:30 am

Pastor Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

19th

Children's Missions Day

20th

10:00 am

FBC Gilbertsville Homecoming, 2105 Gilbertsville Hwy, Gilbertsville, KY

(The Masseys preform at 10. Bro Jack Kee will bring the message. A meal and fellowship will follow.)

23rd

First Day of Fall

25th-27th

Converge @ Crossings Cedarmore

FMI: www.kybaptist.org/event/converge-2026/

25th

8:30 am

Pastor Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

27th

Caring Well Sunday

27th-30th

6:30 pm

Altona Baptist Revival

October 2026 (mark your calendar) PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

2nd

8:30 am

Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

2nd-3rd

Bi-Vocational Pastors & Wives Retreat, Bowling Green, KY

FMI: www.kybaptist.org/event/bivocational-pastors-wives-retreat-2/

4th

Cooperative Program Sunday

6th

10:00 am

Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office

9th

8:30 am

Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

10th

Disaster Relief Training @ Russell, KY

FMI: www.kybaptist.org/disaster-relief/

11th

Pastor Appreciation Day

11th

6:00 pm

BRBA Revival @ Northside Baptist, Almo, KY

12th

3:00 pm

BRBA Annual Meeting Session #1 @ Northside Baptist, Almo, KY

12th

5:30 pm

BRBA Annual Meeting Session #2 @ Northside Baptist, Almo, KY

14th

No Budget/Finance Committee Meeting

16th

8:30 am

Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

16th-17th

Women's Evangelism Conference, First Baptist, Mayfield, KY

FMI: www.fbcmayfield.com/events

18th-24th

Week of Prayer for William Skinner & Associational Missions Offering

18th

Day of Prayer for Associational Missions

23rd

8:30 am

Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

25th

Student Baptism Sunday

25th

Freeda Harris Toy Drive due to churches

26th

5:30 pm

KBC Radiant One Women's Event @ Paducah, KY

FMI: www.kybaptist.org/event/radiant-one/2026-10-26/

26th

10:00 am

BRBA WMU Quarterly Meeting @ Northside Baptist, Almo, KY

Bags of Hope Ministry

In July, we were able to help **402** people, of which **43** were new. We gave out **3,212** food items, **568** bread, and **218** 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 September

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

Pastors Luncheon

Sept. 16th @ noon

Habanero,

Draffenville, KY

2026 BRBA Annual Meeting

October 12th, 2026

@ Northside Baptist

Almo, KY

Session #1—3:00 p.m.

Session #2—5:30 p.m.

BRBA Revival October 11 @ 6 pm - Northside

ANNUAL MEETING

Bi-vocational Pastor's & Wives Retreat

October 2 & 3

Bowling Green, KY

FMI: www.kybaptist.org/event/bivocational-pastors-wives-retreat-2/

Blood River Review

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



September Pastor's Prayer Times

BRBA Office @ 8:30 am

4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

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

OFFICE
CLOSED

MONDAY, SEPT 7TH

for Labor Day



**IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

ACP'S ARE READY!!!!

DUE TO BRBA OFFICE SEPTEMBER 10TH

If you have not received your ACP, please make arrangements to do so with the BRBA Office. Please be sure to complete them and return them to the BRBA Office. If you plan to complete them online, please notify the BRBA Office once you have submitted it. Call the office @ 270-437-4203 with any questions.

Thank you and God Bless.



**IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

September 13th

**HAPPY
GRAND
PARENT'S
DAY**

WE LOVE YOU!

"So if a person
lives many years,
let him rejoice in
them all."

Ecclesiastes 11:8

September Birthdays

3rd	Melissa Norsworthy, Blood River
5th	Carol Wilson, Cherry Corner (I)
5th	Jeff Cox, Pleasant Valley
5th	Amy Dotson, Olive
7th	Sammy Cunningham, Sinking Springs
12th	Kristina McKinney, Salem
17th	Kristin Sickling, BRBA
22nd	Joshua Hodges, Elva

September Anniversaries

3rd	Jeff & Debbie Cox, Pleasant Valley
3rd	Jeff & Melissa Norsworthy, Blood River
19th	Bob & Vickie McCuiston, Old Salem Road
23rd	Todd & Amy Dotson, Olive

September Church Anniversaries

1st Sunday

Martin Severns, Memorial (2007)

2nd Sunday

Sammy Cunningham, Sinking Springs (2020)
David Chandler, New Bethel (2025)

3rd Sunday

Rick Miller, Symsonia (2000)

4th Sunday

Brandon Shropshire, Bethlehem (2023)

2026 DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 12
Shelbyville
Chaplaincy Training
September 11 - 12

OCTOBER 10
Russell
Chaplaincy Training
October 9 - 10

REGISTER AT KYBAPTIST.ORG/DR

Senior Adult Rally 2026

Friday, September 4th @ 4:00 pm
Hazel Baptist
301 Gilbert St, Hazel, KY

Featuring: Pastor and Comedian
Bro. Gary Taylor

RSVP: (270) 437-4203
By Monday, September 1st
Cost: \$8 per person
Catering by Sirloin Stockade

HAZEL

Our annual ice cream social was August 16th with approximately 150+ in attendance and congratulations to Duke Veazey for making the best ice cream. Homecoming has been moved to October. Old-fashioned Sunday will be September 20th. We welcome to HBC by baptism Mason & Jimmy Williams and David Nichols. In addition to this we had the following join by letter: Justin, Savannah, Kinlee, Caroline & Avery Alexander. GOD IS SO GOOD!!!

NEW BETHEL

Here at New Bethel, we have Youth classes every Wednesday night in our Youth Building, with Brother Joey and Roni, our Youth leaders. On August 1st, we started collecting toys for the Freeda Harris Toy Drive. On Sunday, August 2nd, during the Evening Service we observed the Lord's Supper, an ordinance instituted by Jesus Christ. On Thursday, August 13th, our Young at Heart Seniors went to the Sirloin Stockade in Murray for their monthly outing—good food and some great Fellowship. These folks always have a good time when they get together. Our Pastor, Brother David Chandler, hosted a Karate Tournament in our FLC on Saturday, August 15th. We have begun working on a new Church Directory. Our Fifth Sunday Morning Service, August 30th, will be Praise and Worship, with Sunday Singing in the Evening Service and a Back to School Ice Cream Social afterwards. Please keep our Country, our Leaders, our Armed Forces Men and Women and our Schools in your Prayers!!

Psalm 56:3

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

SPRING CREEK

At our July Business Meeting Spring Creek Baptist selected two new Deacons. Tracy Joyce and Webb Cunningham. July 29th, members of Spring Creek Baptist gathered at the flagpole of Calloway County Schools for prayer for the students and teachers returning for the school year. The group then walked around the buildings to each door praying for each student and teachers' safety that will pass through each door. Our Pastor, Bro. Doug traveled with Bro. Mark Sickling, DOM, Bro. Charles Frazier, and Bro. Brad Walker to the IBM offices and ILC in Richmond, Virginia, for a tour and informational gathering. The trip was three days, remarkably busy, and highly informative. On August 18, the Church participated in the annual MSU Cookie for Students Festival. And a wonderful time was had by all. We were able to be a part of welcoming the MSU students back to school with over 250 students coming through the line we were busy but what a time.

Finding Strength in God

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perseverance	Ephesians 6	unwavering	resilient
steadfast	Psalm 31	strength	ability
Elohim	kyrios	Jesus	power
might	hand	God	arm

Women's Evangelism Conference

October 16-17, 2026
Friday: 6-8pm
Saturday: 8-3pm

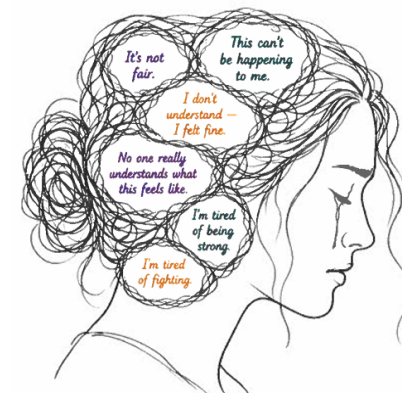
GUEST SPEAKER
CATHERINE RENFRO
National Director of Women's
Evangelism at the North American
Mission Board

First Baptist Church
118 W South St, Mayfield, KY, 42066

Scan to Register

CORN MAZE

15th Annual Corn Maze
Every Wednesday and Saturday
in September
6-9 PM
Locust Grove Baptist Church
1871 Locust Grove Road
Murray, KY



Cancer. Affects. Everyone.

Whether you or someone you love has recently been diagnosed with cancer, going through treatment, in remission, or if you've lost a loved one who battled cancer, **cancer affects everyone.**

The C Word

Sunday September 13 **5PM**
 Vanzora Baptist Church
1981 Vanzora Rd.
Benton, KY 42025

Free Meal

Live Music

Prerecorded and Live Testimonies

This event is FREE!
Groups of 20 or more please RSVP
Questions? Need to RSVP? See our website:
thecword2026.org or Text: (401)589-1102

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;
- 2 Corinthians 4:17 (KJV)
affliction can mean: misery, depression, crushed, adversity, grief, sorrow, or disease

thecword2026.org Children are welcome, but there is no nursery. No Pets please.

