

Upcoming
Events!

October 2026

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

7th-10th

5:30 pm

Ledbetter Baptist Revival meal @ 5:30 pm service @ 6:30 pm

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

11:00 am

Ledbetter Baptist Homecoming

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 William Skinner & Associational Missions Offering

18th

Day of Prayer for Associational Missions

23rd

8:30 am

Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

24th

New Mt. Carmel Fish Fry

25th

Student Baptism Sunday

25th

New Mt. Carmel Revival with Bro Scott Penick speaking

25th

Freeda Harris Toy Drive due to churches

26th

5:30 pm

KBC Radiant One Women's Event @ Paducah, KY
FMI: www.kybaptist.org/radiant-one/2026-10-26/

26th

10:00 am

BRBA WMU Quarterly Meeting @ Northside Baptist, Almo, KY

30th

8:30 am

Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

November 2026 (mark your calendars)

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 (Don't forget to set your clocks back!)

8th

Orphans & Widow Sunday

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

Bags of Hope Ministry

In August, we were able to help **403** people, of which **89** were new. We gave out **3,144** food items, **423** bread, and **165** 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 October

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

KENTUCKY BAPTIST women

radiant+one

One Savior. One Purpose. One Night.

One intentional night to rest, worship, laugh, and be refreshed alongside women who truly understand your calling.

Cost: \$10/person

Paducah

Monday, October 26

12 OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH

Beaver Dam

Tuesday, October 27

BEAVER DAM BAPTIST CHURCH

BETHLEHEM

We have several exciting events coming up at Bethlehem Baptist Church! Mark your calendars and join us for a great month of fellowship, service, and fun. WMU — October 14 at 5:30 PM. Ladies are encouraged to join us for an evening of fellowship, missions, and service. Church Clean-Up Day — October 17 at 8:00 AM. Come lend a helping hand as we work together inside and outside the church. Many hands make light work, and we appreciate everyone who can come out and help! Church Picture — October 18. We will be taking our church family picture on Sunday, October 18. We hope everyone can be there and be part of this special photo! Trunk or Treat & Chili Cook-Off — October 24. Trunk or Treat: 3:00–5:00 PM. Chili Cook-Off: 5:00 PM. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and additional information as the date gets closer. We look forward to seeing everyone at these upcoming events and enjoying a wonderful October together!

HAZEL

We welcome to HBC by baptism, Josh & Abi Breedlove. We also welcome by letter Shaun Barrow, Linda Ferguson and Tim and Delaine Cook. GOD IS SO GOOD!!! Old-fashioned Sunday will be September 27th. October 25th will be Homecoming with a potluck meal to follow. On Hazel Day, October 9th, we will have movie night in the park and then on October 10th HBC will have a float in the Hazel Day Parade and will have activities in the church yard. We're having a Ladies Swap on October 18th and each lady who wants to participate brings 10 items (homemade/handmade) to swap. The ladies will also have a potluck of soup/salad/sweets. YUM!! We have had this before and everyone seemed to enjoy this activity. As we approach the holiday season, let's not forget the REASON for the SEASON. May God bless each sister church.

NEW BETHEL

On Sunday, August 30th, our morning service was Praise and Worship singing with our newly formed Praise and Worship Team and Brother David's Message, and the evening service was our 5th Sunday Singing and then a Back to School Ice Cream Social with lots of delicious homemade ice cream. Our Youth CenterShot Ministry started up on Sunday night, September 13th, and will continue every Sunday night. On Thursday, September 17th, our Young at Heart Seniors had their Annual Picnic at Mike Miller Park, with lots of good food and Fellowship. Everyone had a great time On Saturday, September 19th, we had our Annual New Bethel Fish Fry, with a lot of tasty fish and all the fixings and desserts you could think of. Our Annual Fall Festival will be on Saturday October 24th, and the Shoebox Ministry is coming soon. With October being Pastor Appreciation Month, we are blessed to have Brother David Chandler and Cara and Ava here at New Bethel. John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ

Donate a Turkey



The Bags of Hope Food Bank is preparing to serve families in need this Thanksgiving season. We are asking individuals, Sunday School classes or churches to donate frozen 10-12 pound turkeys to help them bless as many households as possible. Every turkey donated helps provide hope and nourishment to a local family this Thanksgiving. Let's join together in serving our community with love and generosity in Jesus's name.

Donations accepted now through November 23, 2026

Drop off at Bags of Hope Monday or Thursday from 1 – 4 pm
Or BRBA Office from 8 am -2 pm

'Fall' God's BIG Story

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Destruction

Swearing

Garden

Snake

Fall

Restoration

Creation

Fallen

Satan

Eve

Redemption

Disobey

Rebell

Death

God

Rejection

Curses

Apple

Adam

Sin



The GRASS withers

and the FLOWERS fall.

but the WORD OF OUR

GOD endures forever.

Isaiah 40:8

OCTOBER WMU

QUARTERLY MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 2026 10 AM

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

654 RADIO RD, ALMO, KY 42020



BUILDERS FOR CHRIST

JIM AND SAM BUTLER

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



DEADLINE

**Newsletter deadline for
November 2026 IS **OCTOBER 22ND****

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

Mark's Memos

The month of October is Pastor Appreciation Month across the Southern Baptist Convention. So, I want to take the opportunity to thank the pastors of our Blood River Baptist Association churches for their faithful service to the LORD and His church. Furthermore, I want to take the word, "Pastor" and use it as an acrostic to suggest ways you can bless your pastor this month.

P - Pray for him daily.

A - Appreciate him publicly and privately.

S - Seek ways you and the church can lighten his load.

T - Testify privately and publicly how much you appreciate him and his ministry.

O - Organize a meal train for him and his family.

R - Recognize him regularly throughout the year.

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. I hope many of our churches will "TRANSFER" their evening service to Northside on October 11 as we praise and worship our LORD together as an Association of Cooperative Churches. Then, on Monday, October 12, our Blood River Baptist Association annual meeting will be held 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.

On top of all the above, it is the season to collect KBC Christmas Backpacks and Freeda Harris toys. Please see elsewhere in the newsletter for dates and further instructions about these two toy drives.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling

If you would like to stop receiving correspondence from BRBA, please contact Kay at the BRBA Office, (270)437-4203.

2026 DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING



OCTOBER 10
Russell
First Baptist Church
Chaplaincy Training
October 9 - 10

REGISTER AT [KYBAPTIST.ORG/DR](https://kybaptist.org/dr)

Blood River Review

OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



October Pastor's Prayer Times

BRBA Office @ 8:30 am
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th

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

Bi-vocational Pastor's & Wives Retreat

October 2 & 3

Bowling Green, KY

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



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

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)



October Birthdays

3rd	Debbie Simmons, Oak Grove (I)
5th	Kim Reeder, Grace
7th	Tristan Swift, Ledbetter
9th	Karen Kuykendall, West Fork
11th	Kattie Penick, New Harmony
12th	Jonathan Clark, BSU Director
14th	Vickie McCuiston, Old Salem Road
23rd	Debbie Stacey, FBC Gilbertsville
26th	Roni Harrison, New Bethel Youth
27th	Martin Severns, Memorial

October Anniversaries

5th	Jared & Faith Swift, Ledbetter
10th	Damian & Hermelina Alvarez, El Manatial
16th	Joey & Roni Harrison, New Bethel Youth
25th	Charles & Vickie Frazier, Altona

October Church Anniversaries

3rd Sunday

Shawn Hanes, Kirksey (2021)

4th Sunday

Brett Miles, Northside (1996)

Let's honor our leaders

**OCTOBER IS
PASTORAL
APPRECIATION
MONTH!**

and show our appreciation!

As you go

**Women's
Evangelism Conference**

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

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

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



Scan to Register

