


Blood River Baptist Association
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 Newsletter deadline for June 2026 is **May 20th**
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 Remember to limit your words to 175.

Mark's Memos

We rejoice with Pleasant Valley Baptist Church as they have called Bro. Jeff Cox to be their pastor. I hope you will welcome Bro. Jeff and his wife Debby as they begin their ministry at Pleasant Valley and pray for them and the church as they seek to follow God's leadership.

We also want to welcome Bro. Jeff Collins as Interim Pastor of Poplar Spring Baptist Church. Continue to pray for Poplar Spring; Holly Hills; FBC Gilbertsville; Oak Grove; and Cherry Corner as they seek their next pastor.

We also rejoice with Bro. Brett Miles and Northside Baptist Church as they have completed their sanctuary renovation. It is beautiful and provides an additional 200+ seats to their sanctuary.

A number of our churches will be in Revival the last week of April and throughout May. Bethlehem; Briensburg; Spring Creek and Walnut Street will be in Revival April 26-29. While the Revival Among Churches (Holly Hills; Union Ridge; Owens Chapel; Grace; and New Harmony) is taking place May 4-8. Then, Salem will be in Revival May 17-21. Please pray that God's Spirit will be working in the lives of individuals and among these churches.

I am still looking for a few Mission Team members for our May 26-30 Mission Trip to Inez, KY to assist Haven of Rest ministries. This team will be doing landscaping; pressure washing; organizing; and painting. If you know of anyone who might want to go with us, please have them contact me as soon as possible. The cost for this trip is \$50.00.

Kristin and I want to express our appreciation for the cards, calls, and texts we received since her accident. She is improving and ready to get rid of the crutches. Thanks for your continued prayers for her.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling



Let us know when your VBS is scheduled, so they can be included in the newsletter!

| Dates | Times | Church |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| May 31st - June 4th | 5 pm - 8:30 pm | New Harmony |
| May 31st - June 4th | 6 pm - 8:30 pm | New Zion |
| June 1st-June 5th | 9 am - 12 pm | Briensburg |
| June 7th - June 8th | 5:30 pm - 8 pm | New Bethel |
| June 7th - June 11th | 5:30 pm - 8 pm | Memorial |
| June 14th - June 16th | 5:30 pm - 8 pm | Hazel |
| June 14th-June 17th | 6 pm - 8pm | Altona |
| July 12th - July 14th | 6 pm - 8 pm | Kirksey |
| July 19th - July 24th | 5 pm - 8:30 pm | Elva |
| July 29th - August 2nd | Various times | Northside |



May 2026

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| 1st | 8:30 am | Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office |
| 3rd | | SBC Seminary Sunday |
| 4th-8th | 7:00 pm | Revival Among Churches (see included flyer) |
| 5th | 10:00 am | Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office |
| 7th | | National Day of Prayer |
| 8th | 8:30 am | Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office |
| 10th | | Mother's Day |
| 13th | 1:00 pm | Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office |
| 13th-15th | | AMS Leadership Advance |
| 15th | 8:30 am | Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office |
| 16th | | Armed Forces Day |
| 16th | 8:30 am | BRBA Women's Event @ New Zion, Benton, KY |
| 17th | | Salem's Spring Revival |
| 17th | | Children's Ministry Sunday |
| 20th | noon | Pastor's Luncheon @ 4 Seasons, Hardin, KY |
| 22nd | 8:30 am | Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office |
| 25th | | Memorial Day (Office Closed) |
| 26th-30th | | Haven of Rest Mission Trip |
| 29th | 8:30 am | Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office |
| 31st | | Disaster Relief Sunday |
| June 2026 (mark your calendars) | | |
| 2nd | 10:00 am | Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office |
| 5th | 8:20 am | Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office |
| 6th | 8:00 am | BRBA Men's Golf Tournament @ KY Dam Village Golf Course, Calvert City, KY—Contact BRBA Office to register |
| 7th-8th | | WMU Missions Celebration, Orlando, FL |
| 9th-10th | | SBC Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL |
| 10th | | No Budget/Finance Meeting |
| 12th | 8:30 am | Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office |
| 14th | | Flag Day |
| 18th-20th | | Worship Leader Boot Camp FMI: www.kybaptist.org/event/worship-leader-boot-camp-2/ |
| 19th | 8:30 am | Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office |
| 20th | 6:00 pm | Worship Night with Haley Jones @ New Zion, Benton, KY |
| 21st | | First Day of Summer |
| 21st | | Father's Day |
| 21st | | Mission Dignity Sunday |
| 26th | 8:30 am | Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office |
| 29th-July 3rd | | KY Student Worship Camp FMI: www.kybaptist.org/event/kentucky-student-worship-camp-3/ |

May 25th ★★
 Closed for
Memorial Day
 We'll be back to serve you on Tuesday

Bags of Hope Ministry

In March, we were able to help **391** people, of which **53** were new. We gave out **3,268** food items, **589** bread, and **168** 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 May

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



Mark your calendars for the BRBA 2026 Men's Golf Tournament on June 6th!!! Get those teams together for a great day of fellowship!! Contact the office for registration.

Pastor's Luncheon
 May 20th @ noon
4 Seasons, Hardin, KY


Blood River Review

MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



May Pastor's Prayer Times

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

May Birthdays

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| 11th | Hailey Roach, Hazel |
| 22nd | Scott Penick, New Harmony |
| 25th | Mae Cope, Flint |
| 27th | Damian Alvarez, El Manantial |

May Anniversaries

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| 18th | Dale & Bernice Taylor, New Mt. Carmel |
| 24th | Glenn & Mae Cope, Flint |
| 25th | Brandon & Heaven Shropshire, Bethlehem |
| 27th | David & Cara Chandler, New Bethel |
| 27th | Mark & Jackie Thweatt, Locust Grove |
| 29th | Calvin & Annette Bryant, New Zion |

May Church Anniversaries

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| 1st Sunday | Chris Moore, Sharpe (2008) |
| 2nd Sunday | Carl Butler, Pleasant Hope (2022) |
| 3rd Sunday | Owen Hawthorne, (Youth) Briensburg (2024) |

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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

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| Holly Hills | Oak Grove | FBC Gilbertsville |
| Poplar Spring | Cherry Corner | |

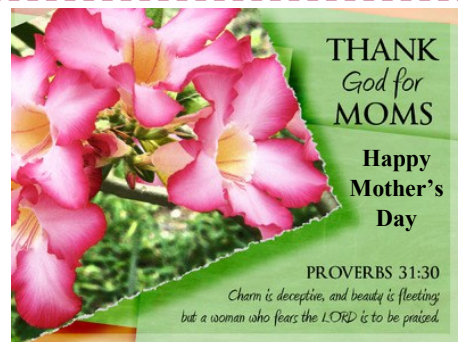
REVIVAL AMONG CHURCHES



May 4th-
8th, 2026
7:00 pm
Nightly

Scheduled Churches and Speakers:

- Monday: Grace Baptist Church-Bro. Kim Reeder
- Tuesday: Holly Hills Baptist Church- Bro. Dewayne Chadwick
- Wednesday: Owens Chapel Baptist Church-Bro. James Stom
- Thursday: New Harmony Baptist Church-Bro. Scott Penick
- Friday: Union Ridge Baptist Church-Bro. Jack Kee



For Such a Time as
This
Blood River Baptist Association
Women's Event
Saturday, May 16, 2026

New Zion Baptist Church
Breakfast & Registration 8:30 a.m.
Worship with Angela Bowlin
Keynote Speaker: Sara Robinson

Preregister by calling 270-437-4203
or open QR Code -- \$5 fee

HAPPY
ARMED FORCES
DAY

May 16th

HAZEL

GOD is good all the time and all the time GOD is good! We have just had our first Women's Conference, "Rooted and Radiant". on April 25th with 250 + women attending. What a day we had!! In addition to that blessing, we welcome by baptism Merisa Chavez, Carra Chesser, Cassie Burkeen, Krystal Colson and son, Kobe Colson, Mia Irvan, and Dustin & Brittanie Colson. God is blessing in so many ways and we are excited and having a wonderful time in the Lord's house. We have a mission team going May 24-29 to Mountain View Baptist Camp to help get the camp ready for the summer camps. Baby Dedication & Parent Commitment Ceremony will be May 3rd. VBS will be June 14-16 with the theme being "Emerald Crossing" centered around Psalm 23. Prayers for sister churches who are searching for pastors.

NEW BETHEL

The joint Revival Services Sunday, March 22nd, thru Wednesday, March 25th, at New Zion Baptist Church along with New Bethel Baptist Church and Elva Baptist Church was great--well attended, beautiful old timey Gospel Hymns, and inspiring messages from Bro. David Chandler, Dr. Josh Hodges, and Dr. Calvin Bryant. Our Annual New Bethel Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th, was a great success with 30 kids and 32 adults, a short Easter Message, lots of candy filled eggs, lots of fun and lots of Pizza. A wonderful time with some really great kids. Eric Horner lifted our hearts on Sunday Evening, March 29th, with his Gospel Music, songs he wrote himself. On Easter Sunday, April 5th, we celebrated our Risen Savior, Christ Jesus, with a wonderful Easter Message from Bro. David. On Thursday, April 16th, our Young at Heart Seniors started this year's monthly outings with a trip to the Catfish House in Pryorsburg and enjoyed some really great food and Fellowship. Romans 4:25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

SALEM

Springtime has arrived; the weather has been so pretty. We had one to get saved and baptized, plus a family of four to join Salem Baptist Church. We are so blessed! Sun., May 17th will begin our spring meeting/revival. We will have Bro. Kyle McKinney Sunday morning, Bro. Daniel McKinney Sunday night, then Bro. Caleb Lindsey Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m. Come join us! You'll be blessed! 1 Peter 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

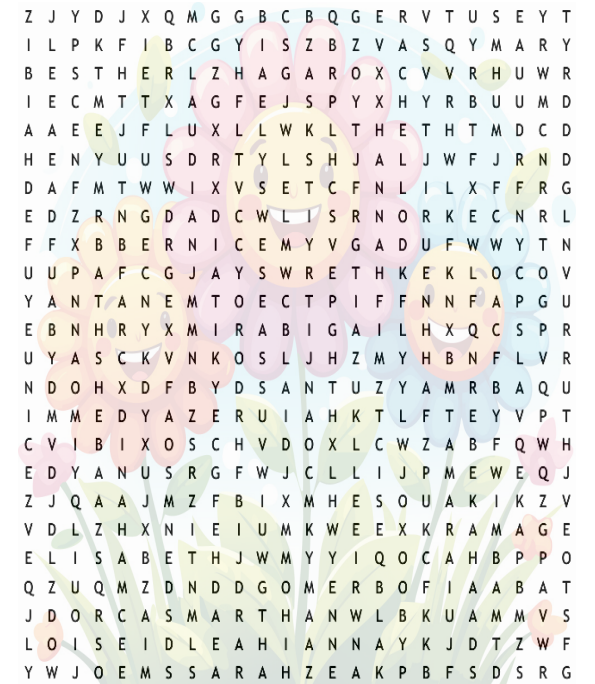
SPRING CREEK

March 20th, our Pastor, Doug Sanders was a member of the Blood River Association Mission Trip that assisted in installing a new roof at the Tohono O'odham Reservation in Casa Grande, AZ. Bro. Doug's testimony is very clear: "If you have never been on a Mission Trip, you need to go." March 29th, Pastor Sanders and his wife, Sarah hosted the "March Madness Birthday Celebration." This brought all of the Church Members together to celebrate their birthdays, and a wonderful time was had by all. We celebrate the addition of a new member, Matthew Reck, on promise of a letter. Welcome Matthew. Our Spring Revival is scheduled for Sunday, April 26th, through Wednesday April 29th. Bro. Norman Cotton is the guest evangelist with Bro. Steve Smith as the Guest Song Leader. Starting time on April 26th is 10 AM and 6PM for all the evening services. Bro. Cotton will be delivering God's messages that we all need to hear. Looking forward to seeing a lot of our old friends at this wonderful time.

SUGAR CREEK

Wow, summer is quickly approaching and we have some exciting events coming up and would love for everyone to join us in fellowship and celebration! On Saturday, May 9th at 5:00 PM, we will be hosting a fish fry in honor of our graduate, Jonah Wyatt. This will be a wonderful time to come together as a church family and celebrate his achievement. We hope you can join us for good food and great company. Looking ahead to June, we invite you to our Cookout and Cruise-In on Saturday, June 6th at 10:00 AM. Enjoy some delicious food, and check out the classic cars on display. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the event will be rescheduled for June 13th at the same time. We look forward to seeing each of you there as we gather in fellowship and community.

Mothers of the Bible



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| BATHSHEBA | ELISABETH | ABIGAIL | BERNICE | CLAUDIA |
| REBEKAH | ZERUIAH | DORCAS | ESTHER | EUNICE |
| HANNAH | MARTHA | RACHEL | ZIBIAH | DINAH |
| GOMER | HAGAR | NAOMI | SARAH | TAMAR |
| ANNA | LEAH | LOIS | MARY | RUTH |

Join us for a fun day of golf while raising money for a great cause!

Servant Harts, founded by Marshall County natives Jason and Kelly Hart, exists to provide high quality care to malnourished babies and pregnant women in and around San Lorenzo, El Tejar, Guatemala. We desire for every woman who enters the ministry center to know that they are loved by their Heavenly Father and He wants a relationship with them.

2 Flights (if needed)
8:00 am & 1:00 pm
Lunch provided
\$10,000 Chance on a Hole-In-One

Registration
Single: \$100
Team of 4: \$360

Scan to Register

Drake Creek Golf Club
1 Torrey Pines
Ledbetter, KY

or visit:
www.servantharts.com

Date: Saturday, July 18, 2026
Drake Creek Golf Club

HALEY JONES PRESENTS

With
HALEY JONES

WORSHIP NIGHT

2900 Wadesboro Rd
S. Benton KY 42025

New Zion Baptist Church

06.20.26 | 6 PM