

Blood River Baptist Association
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Newsletter deadline for September 2025 is August 18th
EMAIL US AT:
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Remember to limit your words to 175.

Mark's Memo:

I appreciated the hospitality of Bro. Todd Dotson and Olive Baptist Church, as they hosted our Mission Board on July 10. We had 21 churches represented, which was great. Those present were blessed to hear from Rick & Shirleen Pilcher, representing Child Evangelism Fellowship and Sam and Courtney representing the International Mission Board of the SBC. Our Nominating Committee and our Budget/Finance Committee both met in July and are busy enlisting our officers & committee members and budget for the 2025-26 church year. Those items will be voted on during the first session of the annual meeting Blood River Baptist Association on Monday, October 13, 2025, at New Harmony Baptist Church. I also want to remind you that we will be having an "Associational Revival" again this year on the Sunday evening of October 12, at 6:00 p.m., at New Harmony Baptist Church. I hope many of our churches will plan on participating in this one-night joint revival service.

If you know anyone who is in College or Seminary preparing for ministry in the local church or as a missionary, please let them know that they can apply for one of our Blood River Baptist Association scholarships. The Scholarship Packet & Application must be filled out and returned to the office by August 1st.

I was a bit disappointed in the turnout for the Sunday School Training held here at BRBA on Saturday, July 19. But, we did have 3 churches represented, and Bro. Darryl gave us some good information and led us in some helpful conversations. So, I hope and pray those who attended found it worth their time.

Our Disaster Relief Team wishes to express their thanks for the laundry items you have provided for our "Laundry Unit." However, they have plenty of supplies currently, so please let your church know these items are no longer needed.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling

Save the Date!

SENIOR ADULT RALLY

2025

September 5, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
Cost \$8.00/per person

Fish Fry by Neil's Catering

Featuring:
Adrienne Lee

Altana Baptist
5827 US Hwy 62
Calvert City, KY 42029

ADMIT ONE

Please RSVP to 270-437-4203 by September 2nd for reservations

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August 2025

1st		Freedra Harris Toy Drive Begins (Aug 1st-Oct 26th)
1st	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
1st		Deadline for Scholarship Applications
1st-2nd		<u>Cultivate</u> : Training for women who serve the church Little Flock Baptist, Shepherdsville, KY
2nd		New Bethel School Prayer Walk
2nd	10:00 am	Family Fun Event @ Sugar Creek Baptist, Kirksey, KY
3rd		Send Relief Sunday
3rd	5:00 pm	Youth Block Party @ Olive Baptist, Benton, KY
5th-7th	9:00 am	Rockin' thru the 50's, VBS for Young at Heart Altona Baptist, Calvert City, KY @ 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
5th	10:00 am	Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
5th	5:00 pm	Scholarship Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
6th	1:00 pm	Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
8th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
11th	5:00 pm	Nominating Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
15th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
19th	5:00 p.m.	<u>Equip</u> : Practical Training & Prepared Leaders by KBC @ Trace Creek Baptist, Mayfield, KY
Register @ https://www.kybaptist.org/event/equip-2024/2025-08-19/		
22nd	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
22nd	5:00 pm	Wild Game Dinner @ Vanzora Baptist
24th		Global Hunger Sunday
29th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
29th-2nd September		Inspire NYC Mission Trip
September 2025 (mark your calendar)		
1st		Labor Day (Office Closed)
2nd	10:00 am	Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
5th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
5th	4:00 pm	Senior Adult Rally @ Altona Baptist, Calvert City, KY
7th		Grandparents Day
8th		BOOK OF REPORTS DUE TO BRBA OFFICE
10th	1:00 pm	Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
11th		DEADLINE FOR ALL ACP'S TO BRBA OFFICE
12th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
12th-13th		Bivocational Pastors/Wife Retreat-Lexington, KY
Register @ https://www.kybaptist.org/event/bivocational-pastors-wives-retreat-2/		
12th-13th		Disaster Relief Training @ Eastwood Baptist, Bowling Green, KY
Register @ https://www.kybaptist.org/event/dr-chaplaincy-training-3/		
14th-20th		Eliza Broadus Offering and Week of Prayer
17th	7:30 am	Pastor's Breakfast @ 4 Pigs, Benton, KY
19th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
22nd		First Day of Fall
26th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
28th		Children's Ministry Sunday

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Is your church interested in participating in the Christmas Backpack Project? For more details and to register visit <https://www.kybaptist.org/christmasbackpacks/>

Bags of Hope Pantry list for August

Altona – Canned Chicken & Canned Potatoes
Bethel – Ravioli & Canned Tomatoes
Bethlehem – Chili & Ramen Noodles
Briensburg – Vienna Sausage & Sweet Green Peas
Cherry Corner – Canned Chicken & Canned Carrots
Elva –Instant Potatoes & Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
Flint – Peanut Butter & Mac 'n Cheese
Gilbertsville – Ravioli & Mixed Vegetables
Grace – Pancake Mix & Syrup
Hamlet – Spam & Pork 'n Beans
Hazel – Vienna Sausage & Canned Tomatoes
Holly Hills – Canned Chicken & Chicken Noodle Soup
Kirksey – Ravioli & Vienna Sausage
Lakeview – Peanut Butter & Chicken Noodle Soup
Ledbetter – Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce
Locust Grove – Chili & Ramen Noodles
Memorial – Spam & Canned Carrots
New Bethel – Peanut Butter & Canned Potatoes
New Harmony – Spam & Canned Black Eyed Peas
New Mt. Carmel – Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce
New Zion – Ravioli & Mac 'n Cheese
Northside – Spam & Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
Oak Grove – Chili & Pork 'n Beans
Olive – Vienna Sausage & Bars of Soap
Owens Chapel – Spam & Sweet Green Peas
Pleasant Hope – Canned Chicken & Ramen Noodles
Salem – Pancake Mix & Syrup
Spring Creek – Instant Potatoes & Peanut Butter
Sugar Creek – Canned Black Eyed Peas & Bars of Soap
Union Ridge – Chili & Bars of Soap
West Fork – Mixed Vegetables & Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix

Bags of Hope Ministry

In June, we were able to help 380 people, of which 46 were new. We gave out 2,937 food items, 490 bread, and 179 personal hygiene items. We rejoice that 2 people were saved in the month of June. Thank you for your continued support that keeps this ministry going. Please continue to pray for each client and volunteer.
Thank you and God Bless

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.
Phone: 270-252-9266

FREEDA HARRIS TOY DRIVE 2025

AUGUST 1 THRU OCTOBER 26

New toys for boys and girls
Ages 6 months to 16 years old

DO NOT WRAP!

Toys due @ churches October 26th
Toys due @ BRBA November 3rd
Packing Party @ BRBA November 5th 9:00 a.m.
NEED WRAPPING PAPER, TAPE & MEDIUM MOVING BOXES (18X16X18)

Blood River Review

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

August Pastor's Prayer Times

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

Churches Currently without Pastors

Pleasant Valley	Locust Grove	Holly Hills
FBC Gilbertsville	Ledbetter	Altona
	Oak Grove	

Prayer Requests

ISREAL	THE LOST	Our Leaders
Sister Churches	Our Youth	Our Country
Our Schools	The Sick	Each Other
Missionaries	Our Pastors	Our Teachers
Churches without Pastors		Flood Victims

August Birthdays

1st	Scott Sheppard, Altona (Youth)
4th	Chrystie Chapman, Scott's Grove
21st	Brandon Shropshire, Bethlehem
21st	Michelle Lodgson, Oak Level (I)
22nd	Ginger Severns, Memorial
23rd	James Oates, Lakeview
29th	Randy Kuykendall, West Fork
31st	Phillip Bazzell, Sugar Creek

August Anniversary

2nd	Brad & Robin Walker Briensburg
3rd	Ronnie & Lisa Burkeen Cherry Corner
9th	Joshua & Deidra Hodges, Elva
13th	Jonathan & Erin Clark, BSU Director
23rd	Doug & Sarah Sanders, Spring Creek

August Church Anniversaries

1st Sunday

Mark Sickling, BRBA (2017)

2nd Sunday

Terry Josleyn, Ferguson Springs (2020)
Todd Dotson, Olive (2013)
Mike Farmer, Vanzora (2016)

3rd Sunday

Calvin Bryant, New Zion (2023)

BETHLEHEM

Our VBS is over & it was a big success. Praise the LORD!! This kiddos are about to start another year of school. Please pray for them! We are pleased we have and upcoming Baptismal Service in August. We will see what the LORD has in store for us next. God's Blessings!

HAZEL

We welcome to our church family by baptism Rylan Chesser and Glenda Gore by letter. We know they will be a blessing to our church and pray HBC will be a blessing to them. July 26th is when HBC has "Community Serve Day." This involves a lot of HBC members helping those with construction, yard work, cemetery cleanup, taking Blessing Bags to the nursing home and Community Care packages. We will also help Foundation Community Academy get ready for school. Following this, we will have movie night for everyone. In August, we will have our annual homemade ice cream competition and 1st place takes home the traveling trophy. We are very thankful for ALL that GOD is doing at HBC. To God be the glory!!

NEW BETHEL

New Bethel now has a Blessing Box at the front entrance to Church Building. Everyone had a good time at our Church Picnic on Sunday June 22nd. Our VBS Summer Fun Day on Saturday June 28th was great, with 23 Kids and 25 Helpers, Bible Story, Crafts, Food, Water Slides and Fun! On Thursday July 10th, our Young at Heart Seniors had their monthly outing at Sirloin Stockade in Murray. On Saturday July 12th, we had a Youth Lock In, lasting until Sunday School on Sunday Morning, with lots of fun and learning about Jesus. On Wednesday July 16th our Youth Group and our Younger Kids started a 12 week class "The Greatest Journey," a study of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. On Wednesday July 23rd, we had a Free Hero's Lunch for all First Responders and Military Personnel. On Saturday July 26th, Ministry Training Child Evangelism Fellowship with Terry Kelley and Rick Pilcher and then on Sunday night July 27th, a Night of Magic, Mystery and Mirth with Terry Kelly.

Psalm 136:26

O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

SPRING CREEK

Several of our youth, along with one adult, attended the Summer Camp. And a wonderful time was had by all. The Church attend Lambert's Café at Sikeston, MO, for a wonderful "Thrown Roll Dinner." The church ordered and received new "Church Tee Shirts." What a wonderful identifier for the church. Father's Day cannot be forgotten. We recognized each father with a small token of appreciation, and a pat on the back. The Church Homecoming is going to be held on September 21 this year. With singing at 10:00 by the McKendree's, and of course our own Margaret Rauhen accompanied by Wendy Joyce. Preaching will be at 10:00AM, followed by the most delicious food you have ever laid into. We will sponsor a Cruise-in on August 16th, from 10 to 1 in the Church parking lot. Check on the churches Facebook page for more information.

"For the Son of man if come to save that which was lost." Matthew 18-11

SUGAR CREEK

Join Us at Sugar Creek Baptist Church!

We invite you and your family to grow in faith and community at Sugar Creek Baptist Church! Sunday School classes begin at 8:45 AM, followed by our worship service at 9:30 AM. Mark your calendars for our exciting Family Fun Event, Back to school water bash, on Saturday, August 2nd at 10:00am—a great day filled with games, food, and fellowship for all ages. Bring your friends and neighbors—we can't wait to see you there!

ACP'S ARE READY!!!!

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 to the BRBA Office

NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 11TH...

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.

STAY SHARP!

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.
JAMES 1:5



Vanzora Baptist Church

WILD GAME DINNER

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22 IN THE GYM

Deer, duck, goose, pheasant, dove, raccoon, squirrel, rabbit, elk, & mystery meat are being served. Sides and desserts are also available.

For the squeamish, we will have chicken quarters, BBQ pork, hot dogs, & custom cooking by Jimmy Shutt. Acts 10:13 "Rise, Peter, kill and eat"

- "How Great Thou Art" and Pledge of Allegiance led by Ed Nichols and Vanzora veterans.
- Message by Bro. Alan Morris immediately after the meal / Evangelist for the Revival.
- Special guests include Jim Ronquest (world champion duck caller, Drake Waterfowl Representative), Brook A. Richard (Higdon Outdoors), representatives from Momarsh, Power Calls, HOTV, and more.
- Men from Lifeline Ministries will be in attendance - come and encourage them!



Drawings will be held for a Tokarev TBP 12 shotgun (pending eligibility), Lethal 405 crossbow and accessories, Mathews TRX-38 compound bow and accessories, duck decoys, and many various gifts for men, women, boys, and girls. Drawing will take place after dinner and message.

Contact Bro. Mike Farmer (270)252-8664 for more information.
REVIVAL on Sunday, 8/24 @ 11AM and 5:30PM,
Monday 8/25 - Wednesday 8/27 @ 6:30PM, with Bro. Alan Morris

1981 VANZORA RD, BENTON KY 42025
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM, MEAL AT 6PM

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Secretarial Position Opening at Sharpe Missionary BC

Approx 20 hours a week

Job requirements/pay scale listed on "Indeed"

Resume can be mailed also to SMBC-9181 Scale Rd.-

Benton, KY 42025

Youth Block Party
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN!
@OLIVE MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
AUGUST 3RD 5-8pm
#OBCBP2025



Equip Practical Training & Prepared Leaders by KBC

@ Trace Creek Baptist, Mayfield, KY

August 19th @ 5:00 p.m.

Cost \$15 per person with maximum fee of \$75 per church (dinner included)

Register @ <https://www.kybaptist.org/event/equip-2024/2025-08-19/>

EQUIP will cover training in each of the following

areas: Assimilation, Children's Ministry, Cooperative Program, Deacon Ministry, Discipleship, Evangelism, Finance, Missions, Revitalization, Social Media, Students, Sunday School, WMU, Women's Ministry and Worship and Music.



Rockin' Thru the 50s
August 5th 7th 9:00am 12:00pm
ALTONA BAPTIST CHURCH
5827 US HWY 62
CALVERT CITY, KY 42029

THE CLASSICS
VBS FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART
ADULTS 55+

Crafts ♦ Resource Fair ♦ Fellowship ♦ and more!
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