

April 2025

31st-April 4th

1st	10:00 a.m.	Guatemala Mission Trip
4th	8:30 a.m.	Evangelism Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
4th-5th		Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
5th	4-8 p.m.	KY WMU Annual Mtg, Central Baptist, Winchester, KY
9th	1:00 p.m.	Spring Youth Summit @ Briensburg Baptist
10th	6:30 p.m.	Budget/Finance Mtg @ BRBA Office
11th	8:30 a.m.	Quarterly Executive Board Mtg @ FBC Gilbertsville
11th-12th		Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
		Disaster Relief Chaplaincy Trng @ Midway, KY

Register @ [kybaptist.org/dr](https://www.kybaptist.org/dr)
Disaster Relief Volunteer Trng @ Midway, KY

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Ferguson Springs Spring Revival, Bro. Mike Littrell
Sunday 11 am & 6 pm, M & Tues 6 pm

13th-15th
Palm Sunday
13th
Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
15th
Tax Day

Good Friday (Office Closed)
Easter

21st-23rd 7:00 p.m.
Pleasant Hope Spring Revival, Bro. Jordan Roach, M-W
23rd
Administrative Professionals Day
25th 8:30 a.m.
Pastor's Prayer Time
27th
Baptism Sunday
27th-30th
Briensburg Spring Revival, Dr. Ian Carrico-speaker
Benton, KY, Sunday 11 am & 6 pm, M-W 7 pm
Communitywide Fellowship Meal Tuesday @ 6 pm

27th-30th
Elva Spring Revival, Bro. Jarrod Baker-speaker
Benton, Ky Sunday 11 am & 6 pm, M-W 7 pm
28th 7:00 p.m.
WMU Quarterly Mtg @ Bethel, Benton, KY
29th
Boomer & Senior Celebration
Grapevine Baptist Church, Madisonville, KY

Register @ [kybaptist.org/celebration](https://www.kybaptist.org/celebration)
LifeWise Evening of Impact Fundraising Banquet
Twin Lakes Worship Center, Benton, KY

May 2025 (mark your calendars)

1st		National Day of Prayer
2nd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time
3rd		Flint Homecoming, Murray, KY
4th		SBC Seminary Sunday
5th	6:00 p.m.	100th Anniversary Celebration Banquet of the Cooperative Program, FBC Murray, Murray, KY

Register @ <https://www.kybaptist.org/event/cp-100-celebration-banquet/>
6th 10:00 a.m.
Evangelism Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
9th 8:30 a.m.
Pastor's Prayer Time
10th 8:00 a.m.
Jerusalem Project
10th 8-12:00 p.m.
"Fill My Cup Women's Conference" @ Briensburg, Benton, KY,
speaker-Mrs. Kathy Farley Cost \$5

Register before May 5th, 270-437-4203

Mother's Day
11th
Revival Among Churches
12th-17th 7:00 p.m.
See add in newsletter for times and places
14th 1:00 p.m.
Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
14th-16th
AMS Leadership Advance

15th
Pastor's Prayer Time
16th 8:30 a.m.
Armed Forces Day
17th
Children's Ministry Sunday
18th
Salem Spring Revival, Caleb Lindsey-speaker, Murray, KY, M-F

19th-23rd 7:00 p.m.
Pastor's Lunch @ Jo Jo's Café, Benton, KY
21st 12:00 noon
Pastor's Prayer Time
23rd 8:30 a.m.
Pastor's Prayer Time

26th
Memorial Day (Office Closed)

Bags of Hope Pantry list for APRIL

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

Bags of Hope Ministry

In February, we were able to help **354** people, of which **82** were new.
We gave out **3,098** food items, **453** bread, and **258** personal hygiene items.
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

Prayer
REQUESTS

ISRAEL	THE LOST	
Sister Churches	Our Youth	Our Leaders
Our Schools	The Sick	Our Country
Missionaries	Our Pastors	Each Other
		Our Teachers
Churches without Pastors	Guatemala Mission Trip	
Eastern KY Flood Victims	Disaster Relief Team	
Tornado Victims		

Blood River Review

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PRAYER
TIME.

April Pastor's Prayer Times

4th	8:30 a.m.	BRBA Office
11th	8:30 a.m.	BRBA Office
18th	8:30 a.m.	BRBA Office
25th	8:30 a.m.	BRBA Office



Please be in prayer for the
Guatemala Mission Trip.

*And He said, "Go into all the world and
preach the gospel to all creation."*

Mark 16:15



Quarterly meeting
NOTICE

Quarterly Executive Board Meeting
April 10, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.
FBC Gilbertsville



WMU Quarterly Meeting
April 28, 2025
7:00 p.m. @ Bethel Baptist
734 Big Bear Hwy
Benton, KY



April Birthdays

4th	Karen Oates, Lake View
6th	Heaven Shropshire, Bethlehem
10th	Johnny Coffenberry, Hamlet
14th	Terry Josleyn, Ferguson Springs
17th	Rick Miller, Symsonia
17th	Hermelina Alvarez, El Manantial
21st	Ed Chapman, Scott's Grove

April Wedding Anniversaries

11th	Jordan & Hailey Roach, Hazel
24th	Shawn & Kili Hanes, Kirksey

April Church Anniversaries

First Sunday

Kim Reeder, Grace (2016)
John Bedwell, Locust Grove (I) (2024)

Second Sunday

Damian Alvarez, El Manantial (2013)
Jack Kee, Union Ridge (2016)

Fourth Sunday

Glenn Cope, Flint (2010)

Churches Currently without Pastors

Elva	Pleasant Valley	Locust Grove
Ledbetter		FBC Gilbertsville



Disaster Relief Chaplaincy Training
Forks of Elkhorn Baptist, Midway, KY
April 11-12

Disaster Relief Volunteer Training
Forks of Elkhorn Baptist, Midway, KY
April 12 @ 7:30 a.m.

Register @ [kybaptist.org/dr](https://www.kybaptist.org/dr)

**100th Anniversary Celebration Banquet of the
Cooperative Program**
FBC Murray, Murray, KY
May 5th @ 6:00 p.m.
Speaker: Dr. Jeff Lorg

Register @ <https://www.kybaptist.org/event/cp-100-celebration-banquet/>



BETHLEHEM

March is welcome? The first Sunday of the month, every month, we have had our breakfast fellowship. We have been busy working on our Easter eggs too. April 12th is our Easter Egg Hunt! This month is also Pastor's Wife Appreciation Month. We want Heaven Shropshire to know we love and appreciate her always, not just in March! We are also planning our birthday party for end of March. We were saddened by the death of our piano player, David McClure, but he is in Heaven now.

Love and God's Blessings!

HAZEL

We are excited to welcome to our church family Conner Callahan by baptism. We know he will be a blessing to our church and pray HBC will be a blessing to him. On March 30th during the morning service, we will have Kids' take over Sunday along with Fifth Sunday Night Singing at 6:30 pm. Our Easter Cantata will be on Palm Sunday, April 13th. We will have a Good Friday Service on April 18th at 7:00 pm. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 19th at 1:00 pm. Easter Sunday, April 20th is full of activities starting with the Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am and our Easter Worship Service 10:30 am.

"CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN, PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!"

NEW BETHEL

March is Pastor's Wife Appreciation Month and we really love and appreciate Lacey Parker here at New Bethel for all she does, and the Church is giving her gifts to show that appreciation! On Sunday March 9th we set our clocks an hour ahead and started Daylight Saving Time. We did host a LifeWise Prayer Service for the community on Tuesday March 18th –this Ministry is doing great things for our young school students, teaching them about Jesus, and we support them with the use of our Church Van for transportation and our Prayers! Our New Bethel Youth Group will be attending Winter Jam, a Christian Music Tour, on Sunday March 23rd. Our Youth will also be attending Crossings Youth Camp this Summer, an exciting, fun-filled, Gospel Focused time for our kids and chaperones.

Coming up in April, our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday April 19th, and after the Easter Service on Sunday April 20th we will observe the Lord's Supper.

1 Corinthians 6:14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

SALEM

God is good all the time; all the time, God is good! It seems February passed by quickly, and March is in the process, compared to January. We have been so blessed. April 19th is just around the corner. We will have our annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship! May 4th will be our Homecoming with singing presented by the Common Band Quartet; we will have a catered meal to follow.

Psalm 34:17 KJV The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

SPRING CREEK

Bro. Doug and Sister Sarah joined Spring Creek March 9, on promise of a letter from Bethel Baptist, we are so glad to have them, they have been a blessing already, and the Church is looking forward to what God has for us. Sunday night the Church held a Pizza Night after the service to recognize Bro. Doug, Sister Sarah, and his mother Sister Jean. The dinner was well attended, and we all enjoyed the fellowship.

March 12, Spring Creek started a nine-week Bible Study on Wednesday night: A study from the Psalms, in which the psalmist gives voice to prayers that resound in our hearts today.

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" 1 Corinthians 7:19 KJV

SUGAR CREEK

Spring is here and we're so excited for all the fun outdoor events we've got planned at Sugar Creek Baptist Church! Mark your calendars for our Easter egg hunt and breakfast on April 19th at 8:30 am – fun for the whole family!

Thinking of all those who are going through tough times right now – whether it's illness, loss, or just life's challenges. We're sending you strength and comfort, and we're here for you. We also want to give a huge shout-out and thank you to all our military personnel, law enforcement, nurses, doctors, first responders, and their families – you're all amazing!

We'd love to see you at Sugar Creek Baptist Church sometime soon! Hope to see you there!



APOSTLES
CALVARY
CELEBRATION
CHRIST
CROSS
CROWN OF THORNS
CRUCIFIXION
FAITH
GETHSEMANE
GOOD FRIDAY
HOLY WEEK
HOPE
JESUS
LAMB
LOVE
MESSIAH
MIRACLE
PASSOVER
PONTIUS PILATE
PRAYER
REDEMPTION
RESURRECTION
RISEN

RESURRECTION
EASTER

Easter is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his death on the cross, providing salvation to any who will trust in Him. (Read John 19 and 20.)



SACRIFICE
SAVIOR
SOLDIERS
THIEVES



Purple-Jesus is King of Kings; He is fully God & rules over all.
Orange-Jesus was fully man; He understands.
Pink-Jesus is Savior; His blood brings forgiveness for our sin when we believe a& trust in Him.
Green-Jesus gives new life; eternal life.
Blue- Jesus is always with me through the Holy Spirit.
Yellow-Jesus is preparing a home for believers in Heaven.



REVIVAL AMONG CHURCHES

May 12-17, 2025

7:00 pm Nightly

Scheduled Churches and Speakers:

Monday: Owens Chapel, Murray-Bro. Kim Reeder

Tuesday: Grace Baptist, Murray-Bro. James Stom

Wednesday: Services at home churches

Thursday: New Harmony, Benton-Bro. Jack Kee

Friday: Union Ridge Baptist, Aurora-TBD

Saturday: Holly Hills Baptist, Calvert City-Bro. Scott Penick

Blood River Baptist Association
Rev. Mark Sickling, Director of Missions
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Hardin, KY 42048-0018
270-437-4203



Newsletter deadline for May 2025 is

April 21st

EMAIL US AT:

bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org
Remember to limit your words to 175.

Mark's Memo:

I am excited to announce three special events that will be occurring this spring for those in our churches. First, there will be a **Blood River Baptist Association Youth Summit** at Briensburg Baptist Church, on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. There will be a time of worship and a message from Bro. Owen Hawthorne, our Associational Youth Director. Following worship there will be times of fellowship, fun, and food. For more information or to volunteer to help with this event please contact Bro. Owen at 270-527-3757.

The second special event I am excited to announce is the **"Fill My Cup Women's Conference"** to be held at Briensburg Baptist Church on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. This conference will include a time of worship, and a message from Mrs. Kathy Farley, author of "Daughter, Where's Your Crown?" and other Bible Studies and founder of Kathy A. Farley Ministries. Kathy also serves as an Administrative Assistant at Memorial Baptist Church. This conference will also give women the opportunity to attend two breakout sessions to further their understanding of God's Word and explore ways serve the LORD in the church and in the community. There will be a \$5 fee per person for this conference to help cover the expenses. To register call 270-437-4203 on or before May 5, 2025.

The third special event that will be held this spring is a **100th Anniversary Celebration Banquet of the Cooperative Program** to be held at the birthplace of the Cooperative Program, FBC Murray, Kentucky on Monday, May 5, at 6:00 p.m. This is a Kentucky Baptist Convention sponsored event that will include a free catered meal, a time of worship, and a message from Dr. Jeff Iorg, president of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. Seating is limited to 350, and registration is filling up fast. To register, please go to <https://www.kybaptist.org/event/cp-100-celebration-banquet/>. I hope many of you will take advantage of these special events. I believe each of them will encourage, inspire, and motivate us to be more faithful in our walk with the LORD.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling



Kentucky WMU Kids Summer Missions

Adventures will be starting soon. Check out their schedule of events at kywmu.org/events

