

Blood River Baptist Association
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DEADLINE
 Newsletter deadline for July 2026 is
June 22nd
 EMAIL US AT:
 bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org
 Remember to limit your words to 175.

Mark's Memos

With the calendar turning to June, summer vacations, Vacation Bible Schools; and Church Camp are just around the corner. If you haven't sent in the dates of your VBS to Kay at the office, please call her at 270-437-4203 so we can help you promote your VBS.

Due to circumstances beyond my control, we are **rescheduling our annual Men's Golf Scramble from June 6 to June 20.** This year's golf outing will be held at **KY Dam Village Golf Course and will begin at 9:00 a.m.** Please have your team registration and fees into the office by June 17. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this with me, feel free to call me.

I have chosen not to attend this year's Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando. If you, like me choose not to go to Orlando, you can still keep up with what is going on at the Southern Baptist Convention by checking <https://sbcannualmeeting.net/>. Please join me in praying that the SBC Annual Meeting will be peaceful; worshipful; and a time of soul harvesting in the Orlando area.

Please keep Jason & Kelly Hart, Missionaries we support in Guatemala in your prayers. They are in the midst of moving from one town to another and purchasing a house. Also, they are preparing for their first ever Birdies for Babies Golf Scramble on July 18 at Drake Creek Golf Course in Ledbetter, KY, to help raise money for their ministry in Guatemala. For more information about the golf tournament, check out the flyer in the June Mission Board Packet or give me a call.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling



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 1st - June 5th	6 pm - 8:30 pm	Symsonia
June 2nd-June 5th	5 pm - 8 pm	Grace
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 - 8 pm	Altona
June 14th - June 19th	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Bethlehem
June 28th - July 1st	5:30 pm - 8 pm	Pleasant Valley
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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 2026**
- 2nd 10:00 am Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
 - 5th 8:20 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
 - 7th-8th WMU Missions Celebration, Orlando, FL
 - 8th 6:00 pm Balloon Training with Rick Pilcher @ New Zion, Benton, KY
 - 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
 - 20th 9:00 am **BRBA Men's Golf Tournament @ KY Dam Village Golf Course, Calvert City, KY—Contact BRBA Office to register**
 - 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/
- July 2026 (mark your calendar)**
- 3rd 8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
 - 4th Happy 4th of July
 - 5th Religious Liberty Sunday
 - 6th 5:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
 - 7th 10:00 am Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
 - 8th 1:00 pm Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
 - 9th 6:30 pm Quarterly Executive Board Meeting @ Spring Creek, Almo, KY
 - 10th 8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
 - 15th 7:30 am Pastor's Breakfast @ Crossroads, Murray, KY
 - 17th 8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
 - 24th 8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
 - 27th 7:00 pm WMU Quarterly Meeting @ Bethlehem, Benton, KY
 - 30th 5:30 pm Personnel Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
 - 31st 8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
 - 31st-August 1st Cultivate @ Little Flock Baptist, Shepherdsville, KY
FMI: <https://www.kybaptist.org/cultivate/>

Birdies for BABIES
 for SERVANT HARTS

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

Drake Creek Golf Club
 1 Torrey Pines
 Ledbetter, KY

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

or visit:
www.servantharts.com

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

Bags of Hope Ministry

In April, we were able to help **421** people, of which **37** were new. We gave out **3,260** food items, **595** bread, and **240** personal hygiene items. If your church isn't list here, and you would like to start supporting this ministry which helps our friends and neighbors in need, contact us, and your church will be given two items per month to collect and then bring to either the Association Office or Bags of Hope. With rising costs, many need a "boost" in their food budget. Every item received is multiplied by God, so don't think your gift, big or small, doesn't make an impact. Thank you tot hose already going above and beyond, and may God Bless our donors and clients!

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 rooted, transformed, filled

CULTIVATE
 When: July 31st–August 1st
 Where: Little Flock Baptist, Shepherdsville, KY
 FMI: www.kybaptist.org/cultivate/

Blood River Review

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

June Pastor's Prayer Times
BRBA Office @ 8:30 am
5th, 12th,
19th, & 26th



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

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

**Blood River Baptist Association
2026 Men's Golf Tournament**

Saturday June 20th
Ky Dam Village Golf Course
9:00 am Shotgun Start
Cost: \$45 per person
***Rules and Team Sign-up sheet available upon request**



**quarterly
business
meeting**



July 9th @ 6:30 pm
Spring Creek Baptist,
Almo, KY

June Birthdays

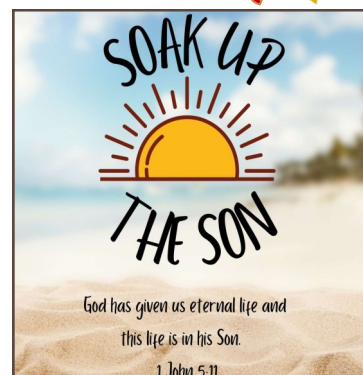
- 2nd Jack Kee, Union Ridge
- 5th Cara Chandler, New Bethel
- 6th Olivia Hawthorne, Briensburg (Youth)
- 12th Brenda Coffenberry, Hamlet
- 14th Frankie McKinney, Salem
- 15th Kili Hanes, Kirksey
- 16th Todd Dotson, Olive
- 19th Jordan Roach, Hazel
- 19th James Stom, Owens Chapel
- 23rd Chris Moore, Sharpe
- 25th Annette Bryant, New Zion
- 26th Sarah Sanders, Spring Creek

June Anniversaries

- 1st Johnny & Branda Coffenberry, Hamlet
- 11th Scott & Meagan Sheppard, Altona (Youth)
- 14th James & Sally Stom, Owens Chapel
- 21st Ed & Chrystie Chapman, Scott's Grove
- 22nd Owen & Olivia Hawthorne, Briensburg (Youth)
- 24th Rick & Martha Miller, Symsonia
- 26th Jack & Jana Kee, Union Ridge
- 28th Kim & Jennifer Reeder, Grace
- 29th Mark & Kristin Sickling, BRBA

June Church Anniversaries

- 1st Sunday**
Dale Taylor, New Mt. Carmel (2024)
- 2nd Sunday**
Robert Harwell, Coldwater (2025)
- 3rd Sunday**
Scott Penick, New Harmony (2018)



BETHLEHEM

Summer is kicking off with exciting things happening at Bethlehem Baptist Church, and we would love for our community to be part of it! 400 Mile Yard Sale — June 4th, 5th & 6th Join us during the 400 Mile Yard Sale event! All proceeds will go toward missions and helping support our newly started youth group ministry. Donations for the yard sale can be dropped off at the church prior to the event. Vacation Bible School — June 14th–19th Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, and we are excited for a great week of faith, fellowship, and fun for the kids and community. Be sure to stay connected with everything happening at the church by following our new Facebook page. If you have not already, head over to Bethlehem Baptist Church and give the page a like to keep up with updates, events, and announcements. We are thankful for everyone supporting and growing with our church family!

NEW BETHEL

During the Sunday evening service on April 19th, Casey and Rachel Brunswick were introduced as possible Youth Leaders here at New Bethel and then there was a meet and greet refreshment time after the service. On Thursday, May 14th, our Young at Heart Seniors had their monthly outing to Parcell's in Draffenville, with some great food and Fellowship. Sunday, May 10th was Mother's Day, and our men treated all the Mother's and Grandmother's (and everyone who was present during our regular SS hour) with a scrumptious Breakfast. During the Worship Service, there was recognition for the oldest Mother, youngest Mother, Mother with the most kids, Mother with the most kids in church that day, etc., and it was just a wonderful day for all our Mother's and Grandmother's. Brother David continues to bring us the messages God has laid on his heart. He, Cara and Ava are a real blessing.

Proverbs 31:28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

SALEM

SBC has watched another precious soul saved and baptized. God is good all the time; all the time, God is good! We are blessed with our Spring Meeting this week with Bro. Caleb Lindsey. We look forward to the blessing of being revived. June 8th our youth will attend Brandon Springs church camp.

Zachariah 9:9 KJV Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

SPRING CREEK

We had our Spring Revival Sunday, April 26th, through Wednesday, April 29th. Bro. Norman Cotton was the guest evangelist with Bro. Steve Smith as the Guest Song Leader. We received God's Word in a variety of format, which we all need to hear. And on Wednesday night we closed with an evening of fellowship. Saturday, May 9, we hosted our annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, providing food and fellowship to over one hundred attendees. And of course, on May 10 we celebrated Mother's Day with a live plant for all of the wonderful Mothers in attendance.

God the Father

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Wonderful	Created	Forgive	Father	Mighty
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Great	Jesus	Mercy	Truth	Holy
Just	Kind	Love	Plan	God
Joy				



AUG 18 Paducah

equip First Baptist Church,
Paducah, KY
5 pm–9 pm

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.

FMI: <https://www.kybaptist.org/equip-2026/>

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026
6:00 - 8:00 PM

FREE TRAINING

BALLOON

NEW ZION BAPTIST CHUCH
2900 WADESBORO ROAD SOUTH
BENTON, KY

FOR THOSE THAT HAVE NEVER TIED BALLOONS BEFORE AS WELL AS INTERMEDIATE TWISTERS, WE WILL LEARN HOW TO PRESENT THE GOSPEL WITH BALLOONS

