



**Newsletter deadline for July 2025 is
June 19th**
EMAIL US AT:
bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org
Remember to limit your words to 175.

Mark’s Memo:

Well, summer is quickly approaching. School is out; Our nation has celebrated Memorial Day; and churches across Blood River Baptist Association are having Vacation Bible School. Please see the list of VBS times and dates in this newsletter and pray that children’s lives will be changed for eternity.

Turning the calendar to June also means it is time for our annual Men’s Golf Scramble. This year’s tournament will be held at Miller Memorial Golf Course in Murray, on June 7, at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$45 per person. Please call 270-437-4203 or email me at director@bloodriverassoc.org if you need a team entrance form or a copy of the rules. Also, please drop off your completed entrance form along with your \$45 per person to Blood River Baptist Association by Thursday, June 5.

Sunday, June 1, 2025, is Disaster Relief Sunday throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Blood River Baptist Association is very involved in Disaster Relief. I thank the LORD for all of our Disaster Relief team and their willingness to serve the LORD and others when disaster strikes. In fact, as I write this article, two members of our local DR team are in London, KY, cleaning up after the deadly tornado that struck London on Friday, May 16, 2025. Please consider giving an offering to Blood River Baptist Association Disaster Relief during June, so that we can continue to keep our equipment maintained and be ready to deploy when needed.

Finally, if you would be willing to volunteer to mow our yard at the offices of Blood River Baptist Association once or twice this summer, please call Kay at the office(270-437-4203) and tell her what weeks you could mow. The Association will provide the mower and the gas.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling



Summer Vacation Bible Schools

- Hamlett – May 31st
- New Zion - June 1st-5th @ 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- New Harmony - June 1st-6th @ 5:00-8:30 p.m.
- Symsonia - June 2nd-6th @ 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- Memorial – June 8th-12th @ 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- Bethel - June 9th-12th @ 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Hazel - June 15th-20th @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Briensburg - June 16th-20th @ 9:00 a.m.-noon
- Olive - June 22nd-24th @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Cherry Corner - June 22nd-25th @ 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- Vanzora - June 23rd-27th @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- New Bethel - June 28th @ 10:00 a.m.
- Altona - July 11th-13th (Friday @ 5:30-8:15 p.m.; Sat @ 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Sun 1:00-6:00 p.m.)
- Kirksey - July 13th-15th @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Elva - July 20th-25th @ 5:00-8:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2025

1st		Disaster Relief Sunday
1st-5th	6:00 p.m.	New Zion VBS
1st-6th	5:00 p.m.	New Harmony VBS
2nd-6th	6:00 p.m.	Symsonia VBS
3rd	10:00 a.m.	Evangelism Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
6th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor’s Prayer Time
7th	8:00 a.m.	BRBA Men’s Golf Tournament, Miller’s @ Murray, KY
8th-12th	5:30 p.m.	Memorial VBS
8th-9th		WMU Missions Celebration, Dallas, TX
9th-12th	5:30 p.m.	Bethel VBS
10th-11th		SBC Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX
13th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor’s Prayer Time
14th		Flag Day
15th		Father’s Day
15th-20th	6:00 p.m.	Hazel VBS
16th-20th	9:00 a.m.	Briensburg VBS
20th		Summer Begins
20th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor’s Prayer Time
21st	6:00 p.m.	Youth Rally @ New Zion, Benton, KY
22nd		Mission Dignity Sunday
22nd-24th	6:00 p.m.	Olive VBS
22nd-25th	5:30 p.m.	Cherry Corner VBS
23rd-27th	6:00 p.m.	Vanzora VBS
27th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor’s Prayer Time
28th	10:00 a.m.	New Bethel VBS
28th-July 4th		Student Changers @ Mayfield/Fulton, KY
		Register @ https://www.kywmu.org/studentchangers

July 2025 (mark your calendars)

1st	10:00 a.m.	Evangelism Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
4th		Happy 4th of July (Office Closed)
6th		Religious Liberty Sunday
7th	5:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
9th	1:00 p.m.	Budget Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
10th	6:30 p.m.	Quarterly Executive Board Mtg @ Olive Baptist, Hardin, KY
11th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor’s Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
11th-13th		Altona VBS (see VBS schedule on last page)
13th-15th	6:00 p.m.	Kirksey VBS
16th	12:00 noon	Pastor’s Luncheon @ August Moon, Murray, KY
18th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor’s Prayer Time
20th-25th	5:00 p.m.	Elva VBS
25th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor’s Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
28th	7:00 p.m.	WMU Quarterly Mtg @ New Zion, Benton, KY
31st	5:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office

Bags of Hope Pantry list for June

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

Bags of Hope Ministry

In April, we were able to help **344** people, of which **25** were new. We gave out **3,030** food items, **304** bread, and **163** 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



PREPARE YOUR KIDS FOR THE GREAT COMMISSION!

“Transformed!”
Luke 8:39
Help children learn what it means to live a “Transformed” life by attending these missions experiences this summer!
Check out schedule of events at <https://www.kywmu.org/events>

Blood River Review

JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PRAYER
TIME

June Pastor's Prayer Times

6th	8:30 a.m.	BRBA Office
13th	8:30 a.m.	BRBA Office
20th	8:30 a.m.	BRBA Office
27th	8:30 a.m.	BRBA Office

Churches Currently without Pastors

Elva	Pleasant Valley	Locust Grove
Ledbetter	Holly Hills	FBC Gilbertsville

Blood River Baptist Association

2025 Men's Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Miller Golf Course, Murray

8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Cost: \$45.00 per person

*Rules and Team Sign-up sheet available upon request

June Birthdays

2nd	Jack Kee, Union Ridge
6th	Olivia Hawthorne, Briensburg
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 Wedding Anniversaries

1st	Johnny & Brenda Coffenberry, Hamlet
11th	Scott & Meagan Sheppard, Altona
14th	James & Sally Stom, Owen's Chapel
15th	Kevin & Misty Harris, Poplar Spring
21st	Ed & Chrystie Chapman, Scott's Grove
22nd	Owen & Olivia Hawthorne, Briensburg
24th	Rick & Martha Miller, Symsonia
26th	Jack & Jana Kee, Union Ridge
28th	Kim & Jennifer Reeder, Grace
29th	Mark & Kristin Sickling, BRBA

June Church Anniversaries

First Sunday

Kevin Harris, Poplar Spring (2018)
Dale Taylor, New Mt. Carmel (2024)

Second Sunday

Robert Bratcher, Altona (2022)

Third Sunday

Scott Penick, New Harmony (2018)

BETHLEHEM

Hello! We had a GREAT REVIVAL We had 3 people saved, 3 new members that joined the church, and 2 rededications. Praise The Lord!!!

We are getting prepared to have our yard sale the first weekend in June, when the 400 mile yard sale goes on. The funds from our yard sale will go to support missions.

God's Blessings to you all!!!!

HAZEL

God is truly blessing Hazel Baptist and we would like to welcome to our church family Sara Lovins, Gary Patrum and Josh and Bobbi Chesser!!! Friends and Family Day was a great blessing. We had 133 in Sunday School and 201 in morning worship followed by a delicious potluck meal. On Monday nights we have a ladies Bible Study/Book Club we have between 20-25. On Tuesday nights the Men have Prayer & Bible Study having between 30-35. Both groups are having such an impact on our church, and we are thankful for that. Wonder Junction will begin during Vacation Bible School, June 15th -June 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

NEW BETHEL

New Bethel purchased a table at the LifeWise fundraiser dinner on Wednesday, April 29th to help support this wonderful ministry. Our ladies have started a Secret Sister Fellowship that runs May-August. On Tuesday, May 6th, our New Bethel Young at Heart Seniors enjoyed their monthly outing to Parcell's in Draffenville. On Mother's Day, Sunday May 11th, we had an united Sunday School Class and the men cooked breakfast, in honor and appreciation of our mothers and grandmothers. On Sunday, May 18th, we had our Graduation and Scholarship Day, where we recognized and honored those young people graduating and moving on to the next level, and awarded New Bethel Scholarships to those involved in Higher Education, such as college, trade schools, etc. Some of our young people will be going to Crossings camp June 3rd-7th, and also should be attending the Youth Rally on June 21st at New Zion Baptist Church. Our 1 Day VBS will be on June 28th.

Proverbs 31:26 "She opened her mouth with wisdom: and in her tongue is the law of kindness."

SPRING CREEK

We completed our nine-week study covering the prayers from the Psalmist. What a blessing it has been. Spring Creek Sunday School attended the presentation of the "The Promise" at Trace Creek Baptist Church. What a blessing that was. It is without a doubt the best program we have ever seen or attended. A wonderful time was had by all.

The annual Pancake and Sausage breakfast was held May 10 starting at 6 am and concluded at 10 am. As in years past, the people were waiting for the doors to open. When they did, a good time was had by all. The plates were filled up, and the fellowship was tremendous. And a good time was had by all!

May 11 was the day that no one should forget, and true to that motto Spring Creek presented a potted flower to each mother present. What a blessing, and the young people really enjoyed passing them out as the mothers left the church.

"Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God." Matthew 5:9

Famous Fathers in the Bible

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GOD THE FATHER	KING DAVID	ZACHARIOUS
ABRAHAM	SOLOMON	JOSEPH
MOSES	JACOB	ISAAC
NOAH	ADAM	JOB

We are currently in need of supplies for the Disaster Relief laundry trailer! If you're able to donate, we are looking for:

Laundry pods (any brand scented and unscented)



Dryer sheets



Trash bags (13-gallon preferred)



All donations are greatly appreciated and help keep this essential service running smoothly. Please drop them by the Blood River Baptist Association Office. Thank you for your support!!

Prayer REQUESTS

ISRAEL	THE LOST	Our Leaders
Sister Churches	Our Youth	Our Country
Our Schools	The Sick	Each Other
Missionaries	Our Pastors	Our Teachers
Churches without Pastors	Disaster Relief Team	
Tornado and Flood Victims	Vacation Bible Schools	
Church Revivals		

YOUTH Rally!

21 JUNE SATURDAY 06-08 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 RALLY STARTS AT 6

Featuring: SEVENTH DAY SLUMBER

CODY NANCE
12X PBR FINALIST AND 3X GLOBAL CUP CONTENDER

Come see Cody Nance and hear his story while learning about God!

Anyone in middle or high school is welcome

Happening at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church
2900 Wadesboro Road South Benton Ky 42025

KENTUCKY STUDENT WORSHIP CAMP '25

June 30-July 4, 2025 @ Boyce College of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY

All students who have completed grades 6-12 (even students outside of KY)

Cost: \$300 per student \$230 per chaperone

Register at <https://www.kybaptist.org/worshipcamp/>

2025

DATES & PASTORS

For students who have completed grades 6-12

June 7-13..... Circleville, Ohio..... with camp pastor, Ben York

June 14-20..... Monticello, KY..... with camp pastor, Steve Coleman

June 28-July 4..... Mayfield/Fulton, KY..... with camp pastor, Phillip Alexander

July 12-18..... Pineville @ Clear Creek.. with camp pastor, Rob Turner

KYWMU.ORG/STUDENTCHANGERS

For more info contact Joe Ball
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Participants engage in:

- construction projects
- worship
- evangelism
- fellowship
- missions discipleship

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