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Newsletter deadline for May 2022 is

April 20th

EMAIL US AT:
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 Remember to limit your words to 175 &
 have your information in by the 20th of
 each month.



Mark's Memo:

As I drove to the office this morning, I enjoyed seeing dozens of Bradford Pear trees blooming, as well as, forsythia, and of course daffodils. These blooming trees and flowers not only remind us that it is allergy season, but they also remind us that Spring is here and our celebration of Resurrection Sunday is quickly approaching.

As Christians, we should celebrate our "new life" every day, since the Bible makes it clear that **"the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our LORD."** (Romans 6:23) But the reality is sometimes we get so got up in our daily lives, we can forget that without Christ's sacrificial death, burial, and resurrection we would have no relationship with God; no forgiveness of our sins; no salvation; no promise of eternal life; and no hope. So, the Christian Calendar, and Holy Week, is a built-in reminder for Christians and all who seek the truth that Jesus Christ is **"the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and that no man comes to the Father, but through Him."** (John 14:6)

On Maundy Thursday of Holy Week, the Mission Board of the Blood River Baptist Church will gather at New Zion Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m. for our quarterly meeting. We will begin with a fellowship meal and then move to the sanctuary for our worship and business session.

Tim Williams, our BRBA RA/Brotherhood Director has been busy working on our RA Basketball Tournament, scheduled for April 23 at Briensburg Baptist Church. If your church would like to participate, please call Tim at 270-978-5762 asap.

I will be on vacation the April 2-9. But, if you need something you can always email me at director@bloodriverassoc.org and I will get back with you asap.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark Sickling



- 6th Heaven Shropshire, Ledbetter
- 13th Michelle Jewell, Opportunity
- 14th Terry Josleyn, Ferguson Springs
- 17th Hermelina Alvarez, El Manantial
- 17th Rick Miller, Symsonia
- 21st Ed Chapman, Scott's Grove



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



1st Sunday

Kim Reeder, Grace (2016)

2nd Sunday

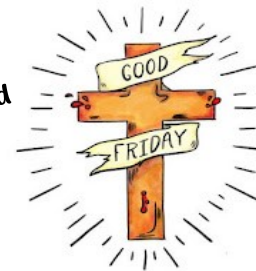
Damian Alvarez, El Manantial (2013)

Jack Kee, Union Ridge (2016)

4th Sunday

Glenn Cope, Flint (2010)

April 15th
Office Closed



Minister of Music & Youth Leader
Altona Baptist Church, Calvert
City KY

If interested and for more information contact Victor Waldrop at vwaldrop@gmail.com



April 18th
Don't forget

Bags of Hope Pantry list for APRIL

- Altona--sugar & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Bethel--Manwich or sloppy joe sauce and saltine crackers
- Bethlehem--corn meal & indiv wrapped peanut butter & crackers
- Briensburg-- Manwich or sloppy joe sauce & pancake syrup
- Cherry Corner-- butter beans & toothpaste
- Elva--pancake mix & toothpaste
- Flint-- butter beans & dry red beans
- Gilbertsville--pancake mix & tea bags
- Grace--corn meal & canned tomatoes
- Hamlet--dry red beans & green peas
- Hazel--beef tamales & canned tomatoes
- Holly Hills--corn meal & shampoo
- Kirksey--saltine crackers & toothpaste
- Lakeview--pancake syrup & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Locust Grove--tea bags & dry white beans
- Memorial--sugar & saltine crackers
- New Bethel-- pancake mix & butter beans
- New Harmony-- beef tamales & indiv wrapped peanut butter & crackers
- New Zion-- saltine crackers & Manwich or sloppy joe sauce
- Northside--cornmeal & saltine crackers
- Oak Grove-- tuna helper & saltine crackers
- Olive-- cornmeal & deodorant
- Owens Chapel--sugar & spaghetti sauce (no glass jars please)
- Pleasant Hope--canned tomatoes & saltine crackers
- Salem--tuna helper & shampoo
- Sinking springs--corn meal & green peas
- Spring Creek-- sugar & jiffy mix
- Sugar Creek--pancake mix & shampoo
- Union Ridge--pancake syrup & butter beans
- West Fork-- chili & saltine crackers

Bags of Hope

Hours for Food & Clothing: Monday & Thursday 2-5 pm
 Food donations can still be donated at the Association Office
 Monday- Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm if more convenient.
 Phone: 270-252-9266



Celebration Sr. Adult Conference

April 26, 2022

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Murray

Cost: \$20/person (lunch provided) if registered by 4/18/22, \$25 after 4/18/22

Personalities:
 Dr. Don Mathis
 The Ole Country boy (Farrell Isenberg)
 Bill Fort
 Allen Lane Band DUO

REGISTER AT: www.kybaptist.org/celebration

Blood River Review



RA Basketball Tournament

April 23 & 30 (if needed)

9:00 a.m. @ Briensburg Baptist

For more information or to register contact Bro. Mark Sickling @ 270-437-4203 or Tim Williams @ 270-978-5762 by April 11th.

Boys Grade 1-3 - Division 1
Boys Grade 4-6 - Division 2

April 14th @ 6:30 p.m.
Meal Served

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

New Zion Baptist
2900 Wadesboro Rd. South
Benton KY

Somerset Chainsaw Class

April 22nd & 23rd at Okalona Baptist Church, St. Hwy. 235, Nancy KY

April 22nd - 4:00 p.m. w/dinner at 6:00 p.m.

April 23rd - breakfast at 7:00 a.m. Class at 8:00 a.m.

For more information contact Larry Doughty at (270) 493-0263 or Bro. Scott Penick at (270) 205-2450



April 2022

3 rd		Cooperative Program Sunday
8 th -9 th		KY WMU Annual Meeting @ FBC Hodgenville KY
10 th		Palm Sunday
13 th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA
14 th	6:30 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting @ New Zion BC
15 th		Good Friday (Office Closed)
17 th		Easter - <u>He is Risen</u>
18 th		Tax Day
20 th	12:00 noon	Pastor's luncheon @ Popi's in Draffenville
22 nd -23 rd		Somerset Chain Saw Class in Nancy KY
24 th		Baptism Sunday
25 th	7:00 p.m.	WMU Quarterly Meeting @ Bethel BC
26 th		Celebration Sr. Adult Conf @ FBC, Murray (must register at kybaptist.org/celebration)
27 th		Administrative Professionals Day

Happening May 2022 - Mark Your Calendars

1 st	4:30 p.m.	First Place Spring/Summer Orientation @ Memorial Senior Adult Sunday
2 nd	6:00 p.m.	First Place Spring/Summer Orientation @ BRBA
	12:00 noon	Reset Conference @ BRBA (must register at kybaptist.org/reset)
5 th		National Day of Prayer
8 th - 14 th		Christian Home Week
8 th		Mother's Day
11 th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg. @ BRBA
15 th	4:15 p.m.	First Place meets weekly thru 7/31/22 @ Memorial
16 th	5:00 p.m.	First Place meets weekly thru 8/1/22 @ Memorial
21 st		Armed Forces Day
22 nd		Children's Ministry Sunday
22 nd -26 th		New Harmony Baptist VBS
26 th -28 th		BRBA Jerusalem Project
30 th		Memorial Day (Office Closed)

Bags of Hope Ministry

In February we were able to help 151 people, 23 of those were new. We gave out 3,808 food items, 186 bread, and 505 personal hygiene items. We shared the gospel with 46 people.

Thank you for your continued support for this ministry. Without your support we could not do this ministry.

Remember the volunteers in prayer.

Thank you and God Bless.

BRIENSBURG:

Greetings from Briensburg Baptist Church. Can you believe that it is already April and time for us to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior on April 17? We love this time of year because of the opportunities it affords us to share the gospel in unique ways. Our Children's Easter Celebration will be Saturday, April 16 starting at 10:30. Then on Resurrection Sunday at 10am we will be having a special service led by our Worship Choir and concluding with a message focused on our overcoming Messiah, Jesus Christ. We continue to work on projects to get our sister churches and neighbors back into their buildings and homes this Spring and continuing into the Summer. We appreciate all of you and the work you are doing in your efforts to reach and care for your neighbors. Blessings in Christ as we minister together.

HAZEL:

As we enter the Easter season, let's remember that Jesus died and rose from the grave for ALL of us, so we can have eternal life! Praise the Lord! We hope all sister churches are doing well and we have more exciting news!! Welcome to Gabe St. Peters and Teala Hooper who have accepted Christ as their personal Savior and united in Believer's Baptism with HBC. We know you both will be a blessing our church. April 24-27, 2022 we will be having Bro. Kara Blackard as the evangelist for our revival. Services will be Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. and Monday thru Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. We invite each and everyone to come and hear Bro. Blackard bring God's word to our church and community. On May 1st, Wilburn and Wilburn will be with us during the morning service. We would invite all to come and hear them present the message of Christ through music and also to hear Pastor Jordan Roach bring God's word.

NEW BETHEL:

Here at New Bethel, we're praying about and getting ready for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (March 13th-April 17th), of which 100% is used to support our Missionaries in the United States and Canada. Our H.O.P.E. Clinic Baby Bottles have been filled and turned in. Attendance has been picking back up and we just pray that we can get back to normal as Covid cases are going down. Brother Royce has been preaching out of Acts and we're studying the book of Mark on Sunday night and the faith of Abraham on Wednesday night. We are having an Easter Egg Hunt here on the church grounds on Saturday April 16th. Our Youth Group attended the WinterJam22 Concert in Nashville, TN on Saturday February 19th - great music and a great time. Daylight Saving Time began on March 13th and Spring is almost here, Praise the Lord! Please keep our Country, our Leaders, our Schools, the Ukrainian people, the Lost and our Pastor Brother Royce in your prayers.

1 John 4:8 "He that loveth not knoweth not God: for God is love."

SALEM:

In March we paid tribute to our Pastor's wife, Kristina. We appreciate all the work and effort she puts into their ministry at Salem. Kristina, as a Pastor's wife, must be many things. She has many hats to wear. We want to thank her for all she does and lift her up in prayer. Our Ladies Prayer group blesses so many with cards, words of encouragement and prayer. We appreciate those wonderful ladies who meet each Tuesday at 9:00. Excitement is in the air for the upcoming trip of our youth and children to Atomic City in Paducah on March 26. We are so blessed at Salem.

Remember in Prayer:

Our Leaders	Sister Churches	Our Youth
Our Country	Our Schools	The Sick
The Lost	Each Other	Missionaries
Our Pastors	Our Teachers	Ukraine

SUGAR CREEK:

It has been a beautiful few days and we are loving the time change and longer days. This month we are having our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m. We will have fellowship, an egg hunt for the kids, and desserts and ice cream to follow. We will have our sunrise service on Easter Sunday at sunrise and we hope you all can join us. We are so thankful for all of our members who have been able to come back to church and the visitors we have had. We want everyone to know they are welcome to come join us at Sugar Creek Baptist church. Sunday school is at 8:45 a.m., Sunday morning service is at 9:30 a.m., Sunday and Wednesday night services are at 6:00 p.m.

"For he is not here, for he is risen, as he said". Matthew 28:6



LOVE PACKAGES

Heartland Ministries Radio is happy to accept used Bibles and Sunday School literature at their studios at 219 College Street in Hardin. Their partnership with Love Packages, a collector & distributor of donated Christian literature will help get those items into the hands of others who are in need. Please call Heartland Ministries at 270-437-4095 to schedule a drop-off date/time of your Christian literature, or drop it off at our office and we will take it for you.

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March 25th - 7:00 p.m. @ Bethel BC
WMU Quarterly Meeting



Churches without Pastors

Altona	New Mt. Carmel
Elva	Pleasant Hope
Oak Grove	