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**Blood River Baptist Association**  
**Board Meeting**  
 Mission Board Meeting  
 Holly Hills Baptist Church  
 May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

Mark's Memos

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a difference a few weeks or a few days can make. In a matter of a few weeks, the NBA, NCAA, Broadway, and Nascar all cancelled their seasons, and MLB has put their season on hold. Likewise, many stores are closed; restaurants have gone to take out or drive-thru only. The stock market has plunged and our nation is teetering on the edge of recession.

Folks, God writes in Exodus 20:3-5, "**You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol...you shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, and a jealous God...**"

Friends, to many Americans sports is an idol; entertainment is an idol; possessions are idols; and our self-dependence is an idol. Yet, as He did with Job, in a matter of days, God is stripping all those things away from Americans and the world. Why?

I can't answer that question. But, I suspect, one reason God has allowed Covid-19 to shut down our society is to remind us that **He is God and that He and He alone is worthy of our worship.**

As a result of the Covid-19 crisis that is plaguing our world, we have had to cancel or postpone most of the events; trainings; mission trips; etc. on our associational calendar.

It is my prayer that God would be glorified in and through this Covid-19 crisis; it is my prayer that God's people would humble themselves and pray; it is my prayer that Christians would be light in a time of darkness; it is my prayer that the church would be the church and minister to one another and to our communities; and it is my prayer that individuals would recognize that "**Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and that no man can come to the Father but through Him.**"

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark



April 21, 2020

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Remember to limit your words to 175

**CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS**

Elva	Oak Grove
New Mt. Carmel	Opportunity Church
Sinking Spring	Salem



**Bethel**

April 26 at 6:00 pm

April 27-30 at 7:00 pm

Revival will be at Bethel with Bro. Brett Miles as Guest Evangelist.

**Hazel**

Bro. Kara Blackard

April 19-22, 2020

Sunday, April 19 at 6:00 pm

Monday through Wednesday April 20-22, 2020 at 7:00 pm

New Bethel Baptist Church on Mayfield Hwy Benton, Ky is in need of Music minister. If interested call Bro. Mark Thweatt at (270) 703-6375

**UPCOMING**  
*Events*

**April**

5 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday
10 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
11 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Saturday
12 <sup>th</sup>	Easter
19 <sup>th</sup>	SBC Seminaries Sunday
26 <sup>th</sup>	Cooperative Program Sunday

**May**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	4:30 pm	First Place orientation at Memorial
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Senior Adult Day
4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	First Place orientation at BRBA
7 <sup>th</sup>		National Day of Prayer
10 <sup>th</sup>		Mother's Day
10 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>		Christian Home Week
12 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm	Finance Committee at BRBA
14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Exec. Board Mtg. @ Holly Hills
16 <sup>th</sup>		Armed Forces Day
17 <sup>th</sup>	4:15 pm	First Place meets weekly at Memorial
18 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	First Place meets weekly at Memorial
19 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm	Nominating Committee at BRBA
25 <sup>th</sup>		Memorial Day (Office Closed)
28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>		Jerusalem Project

# Blood River Review

APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## April



- 10<sup>th</sup> Johnny Coffenberry
- 17<sup>th</sup> Hermelina Alvarez
- 17<sup>th</sup> Rick Miller
- 21<sup>st</sup> Ed Chapman
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Christi Bedwell

## Happy Anniversary

- 11<sup>th</sup> Jordan & Hailey Roach, Hazel
- 20<sup>th</sup> Carl & Francette McNeil, Oak Grove
- 24<sup>th</sup> Shawn & Kili Hanes, Cherry Corner

## Church Anniversary

### First Sunday

Bro. Kim Reeder (2016), Grace

### Second Sunday

Bro. Jack Kee (2016), Union Ridge

### Fourth Sunday

Bro. Glenn Cope (2010), Flint



**ALL EVENTS HAVE BEEN  
CANCELLED UNTIL APRIL  
31<sup>st</sup>!**

If you have any questions or concerns  
about a certain date please feel free to  
give Bro. Mark or Haley a call at  
(270) 437-4203

Worried about the  
corona virus?

You can record church ser-  
vices on Facebook live  
(unlimited participants) or  
Zoom (Under 100 Partici-  
pates)!

**New Bethel:** Sunday March 1st-Sunday March 8th was the week of Prayer for our North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our Prayers and every Penny of this Offering goes to support our Mission Work in North America. Here at New Bethel on Sunday March 1st we had our monthly Breakfast Fellowship. On Monday March 2nd the Western Kentucky Evangelist Conference was held at Southside Baptist Church in Princeton. Our food items for March for the Bags of Hope Ministry, which helps so many folks in our Community, are Ravioli and Black Eyed Peas. Coming up on Saturday March 28th at First Baptist Church in Murray, Iron Sharpens Iron 2020 Men's Conference. Due to concerns over the Coronavirus outbreak, we have cancelled Sunday Night and Wednesday Night Services for 2 weeks –as for right now Sunday School and Sunday Morning Services will be held as normally scheduled.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**Oak Grove:** Again, this year our Women of Hope hosted the ladies Winter Tea. This has been an annual event since 2011. Tables in the fellowship hall were beautifully decorated, and a delicious meal was served for our guest and members to enjoy. We appreciate the men who did an outstanding job serving the food. After the meal, the ladies were entertained with special music by Marilyn Paschall Glaab. *Sharon Wilharm*, a women's ministry leader, popular media guest, and award-winning female filmmaker shared some of her life stories that have impacted the whole world. We are all saddened with the passing of one of our deacons, Bro. Gerald Paschall. He held the longest membership in our church and had been an inspiration to so many people. We look forward to spring when the grass turns green and flowers begin to bloom as we enjoy all the beauty that our God provides for us.

*"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.'"*

Matthew 28:5-6



### Notes from the Food Pantry

In February we were able to help 112 families. We gave out 2080 food items , 552 bread, and 175 hygiene items. We want to thank you for your continued support for this ministry. We were also able to share the gospel with 84 people this month.

Thank You!  
God Bless!

### **Bags of Hope**

Hours: Monday & Thursday 2-5 pm for food  
Hours for clothing: Monday & Thursday 2-5 pm  
Food donations can still be donated at the Association Monday- Friday 9am - 4pm if more convenient.