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**Blood River Baptist Association  
 Board Meeting:  
 Bethel Baptist Church  
 2603 Tatumsville Hwy  
 Gilbertsville KY 42044  
 April 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Mark's Memos:**

I want to do something a little different in this month's newsletter article. Dr. Todd Gray, the Executive Director-Treasurer of the KBC has encouraged pastors to begin "calling out the called." In other words, Dr. Gray is encouraging pastors to preach, challenge, and exhort men who are currently wrestling with God concerning their own call to ministry.

With that in mind, I want to share something that Bro. Terry Josleyn, pastor of Ferguson Springs Baptist Church wrote about a special young man in our association.

I would like to take a moment and mention an extraordinary young preacher, pastor that I have had the great pleasure of interacting with for a few years now. Zeke Penick may be a young man, but he is absolutely an example of a Godly man. The character and qualities of Christ are clearly visible in both Zeke's speech and actions. He has been a great encouragement to me during the hardest time of my life, as I am sure he is and will be to many others in the years ahead. I love his steadfast dedication to God and ministry and I would like to ask all pastors to pray for Zeke as he continues to serve God.

Pastor Terry Josleyn, Ferguson Springs Baptist Church

I echo these words of Bro. Terry and thank him for sharing this with me and giving me permission to share his thoughts with you. Brothers and sisters in Christ, even though things happening in the world today cause us to scratch our heads and wonder, "What craziness is coming next?", take courage God is still at work and He is still calling and equipping men to serve as pastors of His Church.

Please join me in praying that those whom God is calling will step forward and say, "Here am I Lord, use me."

Serving Him Together,  
 Bro. Mark E. Sickling



**Newsletter deadline for May is**

**April 20, 2021**

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

We are continuing to distribute the **Gospel To Every Home** this month. Please be in prayer for this mission that we can reach lost people. If you want to help please contact the Association office at 270-437-4203.

**Bags of Hope Pantry list for April**

- Altona - pancake syrup & canned black eyed peas
- Bethel - pancake mix & canned butter beans
- Bethlehem - instant potatoes & indiv. wrapped cookies
- Briensburg - peanut butter & jelly
- Cherry Corner - mixed vegetables & vienna sausage
- Elva - pancake mix & green peas
- Flint - pancake syrup & canned potatoes
- Gilbertsville - spam & spaghetti noodles
- Grace - oats & canned carrots
- Hamlet - manwich or sloppy joe & canned potatoes
- Hazel - soup & fruit snacks for kids
- Holly Hills - beef tamales & green peas
- Kirksey - canned butter beans & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Lakeview - soup & canned fruit
- Locust Grove - chicken-n-dumplings & bars of soap
- Memorial - peanut butter & mixed vegetables
- New Bethel - chicken-n-dumplings & jiff corn muffin mix
- New Harmony - hamburger helper & canned tomatoes
- New Zion - spam & canned fruit
- Northside - beef stew & canned black eyed peas
- Oak Grove - Manwich or sloppy joe & canned fruit
- Olive - hamburger helper & canned black eyed peas
- Owens Chapel - beef tamales & indiv wrapped cookies
- Pleasant Hope - canned fruit & canned carrots
- Salem - soup & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Sinking Springs - chili & canned carrots
- Spring Creek - ravioli & mixed vegetables
- Sugar Creek - dry pinto beans & ramen noodles
- Union Ridge - pancake syrup & canned butter beans
- West Fork - oats & canned fruit

**UPCOMING  
 Events**

**April 2021**

4 <sup>th</sup>		Easter - <b>He is Risen</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>		First Place Victory Celebration
7 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Meeting- BRBA
8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting at Bethel Baptist Church
14 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	Minister's Luncheon & Fellowship at Tom's Grille, Murray
15 <sup>th</sup>		Tax Day
18 <sup>th</sup>		Southern Baptist Convention Seminaries Sunday
21 <sup>st</sup>		Administrative Professionals Day
25 <sup>th</sup>		Cooperative Program Sunday
26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	WMU Quarterly Meeting at Flint Baptist Church

**Coming in May 2021 - Mark Your Calendars**

2nd	4:30 p.m.	First Place Orientation at Memorial BC Senior Adult Sunday
3rd	6:00 p.m.	First Place Orientation at BRBA
6th		National Day of Prayer
9th		Happy Mother's Day
9th - 16th		Christian Home Week
12th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Meeting at BRBA
13th	6:30 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting at Hazel BC
15th		Armed Forces Day
16th	4:15 p.m.	First Place Meets Weekly at Memorial
17th	5:00 p.m.	First Place Meets Weekly at location TBA
31st		Memorial Day

WMU Quarterly Meeting  
 April 26th at 7:00 p.m.  
 Flint Baptist Church



**Please remember to  
 pray for our country  
 and leaders.**

# Blood River Review

APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



- 13<sup>th</sup> Michelle Jewell, Opportunity BC
- 14<sup>th</sup> Terry Josleyn, Ferguson Springs BC
- 17<sup>th</sup> Hermelina Alvarez, El Manantial BC
- 17<sup>th</sup> Rick Miller, Symsonia BC
- 21<sup>st</sup> Ed Chapman, Scott's Grove BC



- 11<sup>th</sup> Jordan & Hailey Roach, Hazel BC

## Church Anniversaries

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**  
Kim Reeder, Grace (2016)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**  
Damian Alvarez, El Manantial (2013)  
Jack Kee, Union Ridge (2016)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
Glenn Cope, Flint (2010)

### News from Bags of Hope

In February we had to close three days due to ice and snow. We were able to help 57 families, of which 2 were new.

We gave out 1388 food items, 81 bread, and 58 hygiene items. We shared the gospel with 5 people.

We want to thank you for your continued support for this ministry, without you this would not be possible.

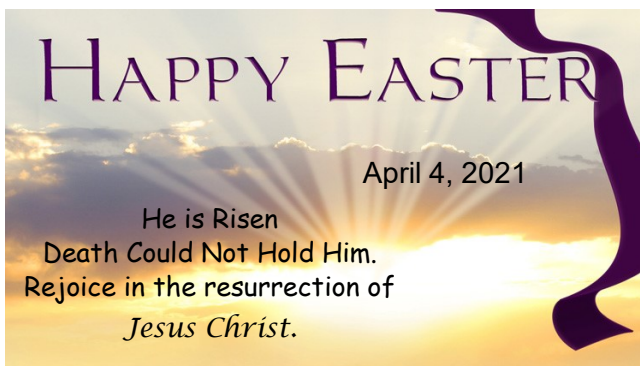
We ask that you remember in prayer the volunteers in this ministry

Thank You

God Bless

### Bags of Hope

Hours for food: Monday & Thursday 2-5 pm  
 Hours for clothing: Monday & Thursday 2-5 pm  
 Food donations can still be donated at the Association  
 Monday- Friday 9am - 4pm if more convenient.  
 Phone: 270-252-9266



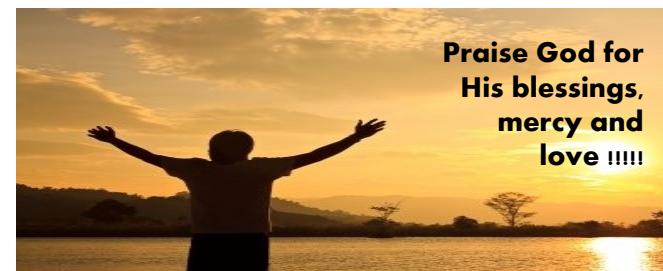
Minister's Luncheon & Fellowship  
 April 14 at 12:00 noon  
 Tom's Grille, Murray

### CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

New Bethel	Oak Grove	Salem
New Mt. Carmel	Cherry Corner	
Elva	Ledbetter	



Tax deadline has been extended until May 17, 2021



### NEW BETHEL:

Here at New Bethel, we are meeting at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings for Sunday School, then 10:00 a.m. for Worship, Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m., along with Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m., with all but the Sunday School classes also being broadcast on Facebook. Several of our folks are still not comfortable attending in person, but a good number are attending. Our Search Committee is still looking for the Pastor that God has already chosen for New Bethel, and in the meantime our Interim Pastor Royce Dukes has been keeping us in the Word with Messages that God has laid on his heart. We have been studying Psalms, Ruth and John in our Bible studies. Please Pray for Brother Royce and Beverly, Brother Mark and Jackie, New Bethel, our Search Committee, all our Churches and Pastors, our Country, our State, Marshall County and all our Kids, Teachers and Everyone involved in our Schools.

**Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

### HAZEL:

We are worshipping our mighty Lord and numbers are continuing to rise significantly in our Wednesday children and youth groups, Sunday School and Worship Services. We are still providing our services on Facebook each Sunday morning for those who are concerned with health issues and because of this we have seen results of what social media can do. We welcome Jax DeShields who was baptized into our fellowship February 28th. We also welcome by letter John and Paula Cathey, Daniel Huffine and Bearl Darnell. Plans have been made for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd at 1:00 p.m. and our Easter Sunrise Service and catered breakfast on Sunday, April 4th at 6:30 a.m. Our spring revival is planned for April 25-28 at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday and Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Our Evangelist will be Bro. Kara Blackard from Corinth, MS. If you haven't heard Bro. Blackard, we would invite everyone to come to our revival and hear him reveal God's Word. Praying God's blessings to all !!

**WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR CHURCH IN THIS AREA. TELL US WHAT YOU ARE DOING SO WE CAN SHARE IT WITH OTHER CHURCHES.....**

### SUGAR CREEK:

Spring is here folks and it is glorious time of year. At Sugar Creek we are beginning to get things back to how they are intended to be in God's house. On Sunday morning please join us for a song of worship and preaching at 9:30. We ask you wear your mask until preaching begins then you can remove it while seated. If you prefer to stay in your vehicle, please tune in to 96.1 FM and join along with us. On Sunday and Wednesday evenings please join us at 6:00 to listen to what God has laid on Bro. Phillip's heart to share with us. All of our service are also played on Facebook live.

We hope you can join us at Sugar Creek Baptist church.

**Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. Hosea 6:3 (KJV)**

### BRIENSBURG:

Greetings from Briensburg Baptist Church. March has certainly been an exciting month here at Briensburg as we jumped into more in-person mission and ministry opportunities. Our student ministry enjoyed DiscipleNow Weekend in Paducah, which included worship, small group Bible studies, recreation, and an afternoon of Mission projects in downtown Paducah. Our Gospel To Every Home teams have been able to visit hundreds of homes through the month and have been received very positively by our neighbors. Our music ministry will be presenting Resurrection Praise on Palm Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup> during our 11:00 am service. Then on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> we are inviting our church and neighbors to a Children's Easter Celebration with worship, egg roll, and sack lunch. Our hope is to plant at least 1,500 gospel seeds through the month of March leading up to Resurrection Sunday. Exciting times here in 2021. Blessings in Christ as we minister together.

### Remember in Prayer:

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

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

**John 16:33**