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Mark's Memo:

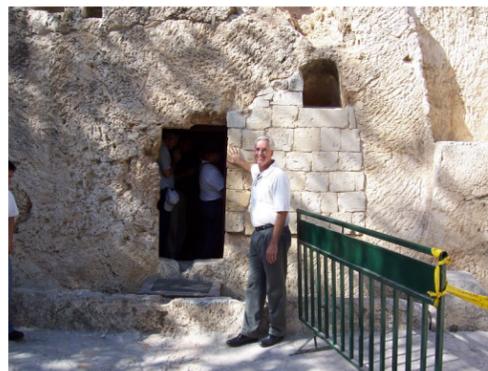
In September of 2007, I had the privilege of going to the Holy Land with a group of pastors and a former IMB Missionary to Israel. It was a once in a lifetime experience that I thoroughly enjoyed. We spent 10 days in that "Beautiful Land". We took a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee; We looked out over the Valley of Megiddo from Mt. Carmel; Floated in the Dead Sea; and We went to Nazareth; Bethlehem; and Jerusalem.

While in Jerusalem, we walked the Via Delarosa (The Road To Calvary); visited the site presumed to be Golgotha, where Christ was crucified; and visited the alleged tomb of Jesus. On the door of that tomb were the words, "He is not here, for He is risen!"

Brothers and sisters in Christ, that is the Good News! Jesus Lives! As we celebrate His death, burial, and resurrection this month, I pray that truth would echo in your mind and in your heart. Furthermore, I hope you will share that saving knowledge with someone who needs the forgiveness and eternal life that can only come through a personal relationship with Jesus.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling



"He is not here,
 For He is risen!"

Happy Birthday
 April

4th	Karen Oates, Lake View
13th	Michelle Jewell, Opportunity
14th	Terry Josleyn, Ferguson Springs
17th	Hermelina Alvarez, El Manantial
17th	Rick Miller, Symsonia
21st	Ed Chapman, Scott's Grove
27th	Kathy Frizzell, New Mt. Carmel

HAPPY Anniversary

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

Church Anniversary

First Sunday
 Kim Reeder, Grace (2016)

Second Sunday
 Damian Alvarez, El Manantial (2013)

Jack Kee, Union Ridge (2016)

Fourth Sunday
 Glenn Cope, Flint (2010)

Bags of Hope Pantry list for APRIL

- Altona--Pancake syrup & saltine crackers
- Bethel--spaghetti sauce (no glass jars) & mac-n-cheese
- Bethlehem--spam & saltine crackers
- Briensburg--peanut butter & chili
- Cherry Corner--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Elva--beef stew & bars of soap
- Flint-- chili & canned potatoes
- Gilbertsville-- spaghetti noodles & pork-n-beans
- Grace--instant potatoes & mixed vegetables
- Hamlet--mac-n-cheese & carrots
- Hazel--pancake syrup & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Holly Hills--spam & mixed vegetables
- Kirksey--spaghetti sauce & bars of soap
- Lakeview--pancake syrup & vienna sausage
- Ledbetter--peanut butter & saltine crackers
- Locust Grove--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Memorial-- instant potatoes & bars of soap
- New Bethel--ravioli & canned great northern white beans
- New Harmony-- beef stew & mixed vegetables
- New Zion--chicken-n-dumplings & canned potatoes
- Northside--peanut butter & saltine crackers
- Oak Grove--cereal & bars of soap
- Olive--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Owens Chapel--spam & canned potatoes
- Pleasant Hope--chili & mixed vegetables
- Salem--mac-n-cheese & pork-n-beans
- Sinking Springs--canned carrots & vienna sausage
- Spring Creek--ravioli & bars of soap
- Sugar Creek--spaghetti sauce (no glass jars) & instant potatoes
- Union Ridge--spam & spaghetti sauce (no glass jars)
- West Fork--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix

Free Admission - accepting donations for The Moses Basket

Giveaways

Lunch

Fellowship

Women's Conference
 MAY 6, 2023
 11 AM - 2:30 PM
 Striving to be a Godly Woman in Today's World
 Locust Grove Baptist Church
 1871 Locust Grove Road
 Murray Ky. 42071
Guest Speakers: Lori Scott & Hailey Roach
Limited seating, must PRE-REGISTER online
 March 27th ~ April 17th at:
www.locustgrovemurray.org

Churches Currently without Pastors

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| Bethlehem | New Zion |
| Elva | New Mt. Carmel |
| Lakeview | Oak Grove |
| Ledbetter | Old Salem Road |
| New Providence | |

Bags of Hope Ministry

In December we were able to help **229** people, **26** of those were new. We gave out **2,390** food items, **163** bread, and **107** personal hygiene items.

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.

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

NOTICE

Executive Board Meeting
April 13th @ 6:30 p.m.
 Meal Served
 Hamlet Baptist Church
 3923 Eggners Ferry Road
 Benton KY

Newsletter deadline for May 2023 is

April 20th

EMAIL US AT:

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



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| Our Leaders | Sister Churches | Our Youth |
| Our Country | Our Schools | The Sick |
| The Lost | Each Other | Missionaries |
| Our Pastors | Our Teachers | |
| Churches without Pastors | | |



Kirksey Baptist Church
 is seeking a Youth Pastor. Additional information about this ministry position can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/kirkseybaptist/> or by calling their pastor Bro. Shawn Hanes at 270-978-9572.

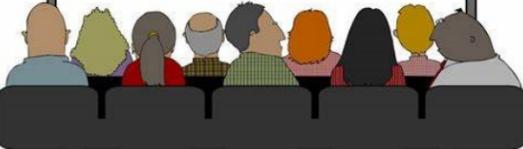
Blood River Review

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHRIST IS RISEN

Easter
April 9th
He is Risen
Death Could Not Hold Him.
Rejoice in the resurrection of
JESUS CHRIST !!!!

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Benton KY



BASKETBALL MINI CAMP
Elementary Boys and Girls
April 29, 2023 9-12noon
Briensburg Baptist Church
892 Briensburg Road
Benton, KY

Good Friday

April 7th



Office
Closed

What's Happening

April, 2023		
2nd		Palm Sunday
2nd		Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
7th		Good Friday (Office Closed)
9th		EASTER Sunday
12th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
13th	6:30 p.m.	Quarterly Executive Board Mtg @ Hamlet
14th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
14th-15th		KY WMU Annual Meeting
16th		Baptism Sunday
18th		Tax Deadline
20th	5:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
21st	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
24th	7:00 p.m.	WMU Quarterly Mtg @ Northside Baptist
26th		Administrative Professionals Day
28th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
May, 2023 (Mark your calendar)		
4th		National Day of Prayer
5th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
7th		SBC Seminary Sunday
10th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
11th	6:00 p.m.	Constitution Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
12th-13th		Jerusalem Project
14th		Mother's Day
14th - 19th		Christian Home Week
17th	7:30 a.m.	Pastor's Breakfast @ Martha's in Murray
17th - 19th		AMS Leadership Advance - Lexington KY
20th		Armed Forces Day
21st		Children's Ministry Sunday
26th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
29th		Memorial Day (Office Closed)

Kentucky WMU

Missions Celebration & ANNUAL MEETING

April 14 & 15, 2023

Cave City Convention Center, Cave City KY
For more info & to register go to <http://www.kywmu.org/missionscelebration.html>

WMU®

Quarterly Meeting
April 24th @ 7:00 p.m.
Northside Baptist Church

BRIENSBURG:

There is eager anticipation as we draw near Resurrection Sunday here at Briensburg. It is such an exciting time of the year with so many unique opportunities to share the gospel. On Saturday the 8th we will be hosting our annual Children's Easter Celebration from 10:30-12 noon. We have a ventriloquist, music, egg hunt, and lunch planned for families in our community. Then on Sunday, our choir ministry is preparing to share the gospel through an amazing Easter choir presentation of "Echoes of Easter". They will present this music to the church on Easter Sunday at 11 a.m. We are also excited to invite all of our elementary kids in the association to a Basketball Mini Camp at Briensburg on April 29 from 9 - 12 noon. This basketball event is sponsored by our BRBA RA's, but we want all your kids to come enjoy a day of basketball. Blessings in Christ as we minister together.

FERGUSON SPRINGS:

We had a Community Singing on and had a wonderful time of singing, music and fellowship meal. There were 60 people in attendance with 12 churches being represented and 11 musicians.

HAZEL:

At the time of this writing, we will begin our revival Sunday, March 19 and go through Wednesday March 22. Please pray that God Almighty will continue reviving HBC and adding souls to His kingdom. Our Activities Committee is planning our annual Easter egg hunt to be held on April 8. Our Vacation Bible School Committee is planning for VBS to be June 19-22. It seems like a long way off but, it will be here before we know it. On May 21, we will have Friends and Family Day. Finally, HBC is hosting a mission trip to Mountain View Baptist Camp to help them get ready for summer camps. If you are interested in going and working you may contact Bro. Jordan Roach at 270-873-9222.

NEW BETHEL:

Here at New Bethel on February 25th, our Youth Group hosted a fund-raising Valentine's Banquet, with great food, great atmosphere and a great group of young people attending, and they raised over a thousand dollars. It was a fun time for everyone. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is ongoing, and just remember that 100% of this offering supports our Missionaries in North America. On Saturday, March 25th, we will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt here on the church grounds, with lots of candy filled eggs to be found by our younger kids. Coming up in April, there's a lot going on: April 11th-Young at Heart Outing; April 15th-Youth Lock-In; April 16th-the Lord's Supper; April 30th-5th Sunday Fellowship Meal. We are looking forward to Brother Mark Sickling preaching here on Sunday March 19th, both morning and evening services. Please keep Brother Royce and his wife Peggy in your prayers, as both have undergone surgeries recently—they are recovering very nicely at this time.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Psalm 32:1

SALEM:

Bro. Frankie and Kristina celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on March 11th. On the 12th we honored Kristina for Pastor's wife Appreciation month, and we celebrated with an Italian potluck meal. As always we enjoyed good food and fellowship. We appreciate Kristina and all that she does to assist Bro. Frankie in their ministry here at Salem. This week they went to the Smoky Mountain Jubilee in Pigeon Forge to hear powerful preaching, experience Spirit-filled worship and enjoy great gospel singing by southern gospel favorites. We are planning a pancake breakfast and egg hunt on April 8th starting at 9:00 a.m. We appreciate those who do the cooking and organizing of these two events. Our Easter service will be on April 9 at 10:30 a.m. We will celebrate the resurrection of our Saviour!

For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.
Psalm 74:12

SUGAR CREEK:

It has been a beautiful month and we are loving the time change and longer days. April 1st had our annual Easter egg hunt with lots of fellowship, and an egg hunt for the kids. We will have our sunrise service on Easter Sunday at sunrise and we hope you all can join us. Looking ahead to May 20th we will be having a fish fry to honor our graduates, Troy Crass and Kenzie Dick. We are so thankful for the many visitors we have had and hope they continue coming back each chance they get. 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 service is at 6:00pm.

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

April 2023

Pastor's Prayer Times

7th OFFICE CLOSED
14th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
21st 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
28th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office



Easter Word Search



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