

# Blood River Review

August 2020 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

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

## News from Our Churches

**NEW BETHEL:** Here at New Bethel, we are still having in-person worship services at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, and are going to start having in-person Wednesday night Bible study at 6:00 p.m. July 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be following the social-distancing and other guidelines set by the Governor and both of these services will also be broadcast live on Facebook and the Sunday night service will still be Facebook broadcast only for the time being. A lot of folks are still not comfortable attending church services, which is understandable, so we will continue with the Facebook broadcasts until, God willing, we return to some semblance of normalcy. We have just started a 12 week study called "Blessings of Ephesians" in our Sunday morning service. Please pray for our Country, State, County and especially for our kids and school system as the new school year approaches. And pray that God will help us overcome this virus that is plaguing the world. Psalms 37:5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.



## Freeda Harris Toy Drive 2020

July 27-Nov. 4

New Toys: \$10-\$12 for Boys & Girls 6 mon.-16 yrs.

Do not wrap

Wrapping paper & supplies accepted

18x16x18 Medium Moving boxes needed

Toys due at churches: Nov. 1

Toys due at BRBA: Nov. 4

## UPCOMING Events

### August

2 <sup>nd</sup>		Social Issues Sunday
7 <sup>th</sup>		Deadline for Scholarship Applications
7 <sup>th</sup>		Purple Heart Day
9 <sup>th</sup>		Student Evangelism Day
11 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Scholarship Committee Mtg. @ BRBA
12 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm	Finance Committee Mtg. @ BRBA
13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Exec. Board Mtg. @ BRBA (No Meal)
16-22 <sup>nd</sup>		Worship Music Week
18 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	Time & Place committee mtg. @ BRBA
29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	RA Racer Derby/ Memorial BC
30 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm	First Place Orientation @ Memorial BC
31 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 pm	First Place Orientation @ BRBA

### September

7 <sup>th</sup>		Labor Day (Office Closed)
9 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm	Finance Committee @ BRBA
10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Exec. Board Mtg. @ Sugar Creek
11 <sup>th</sup>		Patriot Day
11 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm	Senior Adult Rally, (postponed due to covid-19)
13 <sup>th</sup>		Anti Gambling Sunday
13 <sup>th</sup>		Grandparents Day
14 <sup>th</sup>		Deadline for All ACP's



Contact Blood River Baptist Association for details on how you can participate  
270-437-4306

## August



02 <sup>nd</sup>	Bro. Roger Rice, Elva BC
04 <sup>th</sup>	Chrystie Chapman, Scott's Grove BC
06 <sup>th</sup>	Bro. Brandon Bramlett, Locust Grove BC
06 <sup>th</sup>	Bro. Mike Rhodes, Oak Grove BC
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ginger Severns, Memorial BC
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bro. Rick Yarbrough, Ledbetter BC
29 <sup>th</sup>	Bro. Charles Miles, Kirksey BC
29 <sup>th</sup>	Bro. Randy Kuykendall, West Fork BC
31 <sup>st</sup>	Bro. Phillip Bazzell, Sugar Creek BC

## Happy Anniversary

02 <sup>nd</sup>	Brad & Robin Walker, Briensburg BC
03 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike & Charlotte Rhodes, Oak Grove BC
04 <sup>th</sup>	Roger & Janice Rice, Elva BC
09 <sup>th</sup>	Larry & Ann Salmon, Coldwater BC
11 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph & Melanie Day, Altona BC
13 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan & Erin Clark, BSU Director
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Doug & Sarah Sanders, Bethlehem BC
29 <sup>th</sup>	George & Joan Culp Jr., Pleasant Valley BC



### First Sunday:

Bro. Mark Sickling, DOM/2017  
Bro. Mark Thweatt, New Bethel BC/2013

### Second Sunday:

Bro. Todd Dotson, Olive BC/2013  
Bro. Mike Farmer, Vanzora BC/2016

### Fourth Sunday:

Bro. Rick Johnson, New Bethel BC/2015

### Fifth Sunday:

Bro. Duane Holland, Holly Hills BC/2010



## Scholarship Application Deadline

August 7, 2020

For More Information please contact Bro. Mark Sickling



RA Racer Derby

Will be held August 29, 2020

9:00 am

Memorial Baptist Church

906 Main St.

Murray, KY

Kits are available at BRBA for \$7.00 each

## FREE PPE! Personal Protective Equipment



Liquid Sanitizer: Each church may fill 2 spray bottles per week until the supply is gone.



Individually wrapped cloth masks: BRBA has received 1500 cloth masks from the KBC Disaster Relief. The masks are wrapped in packs of (5). Limit 6 packs per church.

### Notes from the Food Pantry

In June we were able to help 101 families We gave out 2,783 food items, 79 hygiene items. And 266 bread.

We opened the food pantry in June for people to come inside for food and also be able to get clothes. We follow safety guidelines and all are required to wear a mask.

Our counselors were able to share the gospel with 42 people this month.

Thank you for your support and prayers for this ministry

Thank You,  
God bless

Thank you so much for your support and prayers for this ministry.



BRBA Office is accepting resume's for the position of Administrative Assistant. Send resume' to [Director@bloodriverassoc.org](mailto:Director@bloodriverassoc.org) or call the office at 270 -437-4203.

### **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.

**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**

### **CHURCH ACP'S**

Church ACP's will be available at the August Board meeting. Those not picked up will be mailed the following day. All churches please fill these out and return to the Association no later than Sept. 14, 2020.

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### **Blood River Baptist Association Board Meeting**

Blood River Baptist Association, Hardin, KY

August 13, 2020

6:30 p.m.

### **Mark's Memos:**

Years ago, Dr. Charles Swindoll wrote a book entitled, One Step Forward, Two Steps Back. Many times, that is the way it is in our Christian life, we seem to be making progress, then for some reason or another we digress. That certainly seems to be the case with our nations response to the Covid-19 pandemic. As of July, nearly all our churches were back meeting in-person at least on Sunday morning. Some have even begun meeting on Sunday night and Wednesday night. But, with an uptick in the number of Covid-19 cases in our area, some churches are considering going back to Sunday morning only worship.

I am grateful we were able to have our July Mission Board Meeting at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Regrettably, one of the decisions we made was to indefinitely postpone this year's Senior Adult Rally scheduled for September. I regret this because it is always an enjoyable time. But, I think it best for the safety and health of our Senior Saints.

We were also able to have our Minister's luncheon on July 15 at August Moon Chinese Restaurant in Murray KY. We had about 10 pastors present and we really enjoyed the time of fellowship.

We received our "Gospel To Every Home" shipment of Jesus DVD's, door hangers, etc. Our Evangelism Committee and I also met with Kenny Rager of the KBC and Dennis Manley, DOM, of Purchase Area Association to strategize how we would attempt a door to door gospel distribution in Marshall and Calloway Counties and Puryear TN. You will be hearing more about that in the coming months.

Our Disaster Relief team has been working hard the past month doing some much-needed cleaning, repairing, updating, and inventory of their equipment. I am grateful for all who participated and am grateful for their commitment to be ready to serve whenever called.

On a personal note, Kristin and I Praise The LORD that He opened up an opportunity for her to transfer to Reidland Middle School. This will cut her commute in half, so we are very grateful. Please pray all our school teachers, administrators, bus drivers, and all other staff as they seek to teach our children during very uncertain times.

Serving Him Together,  
Bro. Mark



August 24, 2020

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