

Blood River Baptist Association
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Mark's Memo:

I continue to hear good reports coming from our churches regarding VBS attendance; baptisms; and other additions. We rejoice with these churches that have had the privilege of baptizing new believers and pray each of our churches would baptize at least one person during this church year. As a reminder, your church's ACP (Annual Church Profile) is ready to be picked up and needs to be returned by September 12.

Our Scholarship Committee will convene on Tuesday, August 9, at 5:00 p.m. to consider scholarship applicants. If you know someone who desires to serve the Lord and the local church, let them know scholarship applications are due August 5.

Our Brotherhood/RA picnic is scheduled for August 6 at Mike Miller Park. Due to the unusually hot weather we have been having this summer, we have decided to shorten the picnic. It is now scheduled for 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. We will eat around 5:00 p.m. There will be games and the bounce house available for the boys to play. It will be held at the Lakeview Pavilion.

With the calendar turning to August, it is time to begin thinking about Christmas Toys for the Freeda Harris Center, as well as the KBC Christmas Backpack program. For more information about how you and your church can participate in either or both of these please call us at 270-437-4203.

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark Sickling

Bags of Hope Pantry list for AUGUST

- Altona - cornmeal & bars of soap
- Bethel - pancake mix & butter beans
- Bethlehem - dry northern white beans & bars of soap
- Briensburg - pancake mix & individual wrapped cookies
- Cherry Corner - oats & bars of soap
- Elva - chicken helper & mixed vegetables
- Flint - saltine crackers & bars of soap
- Gilbertsville - saltine crackers & tea bags
- Grace - oats & bars of soap
- Hamlet - chicken helper & bars of soap
- Hazel - dry northern white beans & rice (1lb bag)
- Holly Hills - chicken-n-dumplings & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Kirksey - pancake mix & bars of soap
- Lakeview - instant potatoes & saltine crackers
- Locust Grove - tea bags & pork-n-beans
- Memorial - cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- New Bethel - instant potatoes & tea bags
- New Harmony - oats & jiffy corn muffin mix
- New Zion - pancake mix & black eyed peas
- Northside - corn meal & butter beans
- Oak Grove--corn meal and canned pinto beans
- Olive - saltine crackers & tea bags
- Owens Chapel - pancake mix & saltine crackers
- Pleasant Hope - chicken-n-dumplings & kids fruit snacks
- Salem - chicken helper & bars of soap
- Sinking Springs - oats & pork-n-beans
- Spring Creek - instant potatoes & chicken helper
- Sugar Creek - cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Union Ridge - chicken-n-dumplings & kids fruit snacks
- West Fork - pancake mix & pork-n-beans

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

Bags of Hope Ministry

In June we were able to help **280** people, **58** of those were new. We gave out **4,174** food items, **176** bread, and **301** personal hygiene items. We were able to share the gospel with **36** 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.



Budget/Finance
 Committee Meeting
 August 10th @ BRBA office
 @ 1:00 p.m.

Freeda Harris Toy Drive 2022

August 1 - October 30

New Toys - \$10-\$12 for boys/girls ages 6 months to 16 years old

DO NOT WRAP

Toys due at churches - October 30th
 Toys due to the BRBA - November 2nd
 Toys to be packed - November 3rd @ BRBA

NEEDED: wrapping paper/tape and 18 x 16 x 18 MEDIUM moving boxes

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

John 16:33



This is a wonderful ministry!!! For more information and to get registered, visit www.kybaptist.org/backpacks

Kentucky's goal is to collect 10,000 backpacks for our children.

Recognition:

Congratulations to Bro. Mark Sickling who has served the Blood River Baptist Association as the Director of Missions for 5 years on August 7th. His has been a blessing to the association and his relentless service to our churches and community is inspirational. Your years of service are a true testimony of your dedication to the association, and you are truly valued for your contributions. Be sure and thank Bro. Mark for his dedication to the Blood River Baptist Association.

ACP's are ready!

If you have not received yours, please contact the association office.

Please be sure and complete these no later than September 12th.....

If you complete them online please notify the BRBA office once you have submitted it.

If you have any questions, call the association office at 270-437-4203.

Newsletter deadline for September 2022 is

August 20th

EMAIL US AT:

bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org

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



September 9, 2022

2022 Senior Adult Rally

4:00 p.m. -- \$7.00/person
 At New Zion Baptist Church
 Must RSVP by Sept. 1....
 To 270-437-4203



Blood River Review



August 2022

1st		Begin Freeda Harris Toy Drive
1st	TBD	First Place Victory Celebration-Location TBD
5th		Deadline for Scholarship Application
6th	3:00-6:00 p.m.	Brotherhood/RA Picnic @ Mike Miller Park
9th	5:00 p.m.	Scholarship Committee Meeting @ BRBA
10th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA
21st - 28th		Worship Music Week
28th		Global Hunger Sunday
28th	4:30 p.m.	1st Place-Fall Session Orientation @ Memorial
29th	6:00 p.m.	1st Place-Fall Session Orientation @ BRBA

September 2022 - Mark your calendar

4th		Single Adult Sunday
5th		Labor Day (Office Closed)
7th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA
9th	4:00 p.m.	Senior Adult Rally @ New Zion
11th		Grandparent's Day
11th	4:15 p.m.	1st Place-Starts meeting weekly @ Memorial
11th - 18th		State Missions: Emphasis on Eliza Broadus Offering
12th		Deadline for ACP's to be returned to BRBA
12th	5:00 p.m.	1st Place-Starts meeting weekly @ Memorial
22nd		Welcome First Day of Fall



August 5th

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Please Notice This



2nd	Roger Rice, Elva
4th	Chrystie Chapman, Scotts Grove
6th	Brandon Bramlett, Locust Grove
6th	Mike Rhodes, Oak Grove
21st	Brandon Shropshire, Ledbetter
22nd	Ginger Severns, Memorial
29th	Randy Kuykendall, West Fork
31st	Philip Bazzell, Sugar Creek



2nd	Brad & Robin Walker, Briensburg
3rd	Ronnie & Lisa Burkeen, Cherry Corner
3rd	Mike & Charlotte Rhodes, Oak Grove
4th	Roger & Janice Rice, Elva
9th	Larry & Ann Salmon, Coldwater
13th	Jonathan & Erin Clark, BSU



1st Sunday
Royce Dukes, New Bethel (2021)
Mark Sickling, BRBA (2017)
2nd Sunday
Todd Dotson, Olive (2013)
Mike Farmer, Vanzora (2016)
Terry Josleyn, Ferguson Springs (2020)
5th Sunday
Duane Holland, Holly Hills (2010)

Churches Currently without Pastors

Bethlehem	Lakeview
Elva	Pleasant Valley
New Mt. Carmel	Spring Creek
New Providence	Oak Grove

HAZEL:

June 20-24, we had VBS and what a huge success. We had 80 enrolled and an average attendance of 62. The most amazing part of VBS was the Word of God was taught and the mission offering total was \$11,000 which was equally divided between Life House in Murray and Tomorrow's Hope in Paris, TN. We want to welcome Daron, Jane & Trevor Harrison who have united with our church by letter. We will love you, pray for you and ask that you pray for our church. Plans are finalized by our Activities Committee for our End of Summer Carnival which will be on July 30th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There will be fun for all ages, food, prizes, games and school supplies. HBC, along with several devoted ladies, have started a Children's Choir and they meet on Sundays at 5:00 pm. We've had a GREAT TIME at HBC and ALL the GLORY must go to JESUS, our LORD and SAVIOR. TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR THE GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE".

NEW BETHEL:

Wow! Great news from New Bethel-3 young people saved recently and were baptized along with 2 others. Also, another person joined our church family during the morning service on Sunday July 3rd. We had a Fellowship Meal and Celebration afterwards. It doesn't get much better than that! One of these youngsters was saved during our VBS (Hay Day) which was Great! There were around 18 kids and 24 workers (including 4 of our Youth Group) each of the 3 nights and on the last night many other church members and family members of the kids attended. Just a really fun time with a bunch of great kids and dedicated workers and we all learned more about our Savior, Christ Jesus. The BRBA Freeda Harris Toy Drive starts in August and goes through September and we'll be participating as usual. We also support the Bags of Hope Ministry which helps so many people. Please keep our Young People, our Churches, our Pastors, our Country and our Leaders in your Prayers.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13

SALEM:

Our Revival went from June 27 through July 1 with Bro. Bud Stiltner from Roanoke, Alabama, as our Evangelist. We enjoyed the special singing each night from KT&T Southern Gospel group, Bro. Bud's s daughters and son, the youth from Unity Baptist Church, Mike Scott on the guitar and Bro. George McAlpin on the piano. Each night we were blessed with good messages and special singing. Seeds were planted. We are thankful for our song leader, Larry Callihan, our pianist, Denise Windsor, and our organist, Carol Miller, who bring us wonderful music each week. We appreciate their dedication. The Ladies Prayer Group meets each week to pray for our church members, and those who have asked for prayer. The cards they send out each week brighten someone's day and makes them feel special. We are praying for the sick, those facing surgery and those taking treatments. Bro. Frankie and Kristina continue to reach out in our community and invite everyone to worship with us at SBC. We pray God will continue to bless their ministry.

SPRING CREEK

We are going through a time of testing. A division occurred in our church with one half of the church leaving alone with the resignation of our pastor. Standing firm on sound doctrine may come at a price, but if we are to be obedient to God we cannot compromise with the world.

Division is not necessarily a bad thing for a church. It can be God's way of pruning a church for better service for our Lord. It may remove the nonproductive or it may move people for service somewhere else.

One of our problems in the past was that we did not seek the Lord's will for some of our actions. We became a church in decline. Pray for us that we may be in the Lord's will in seeking a new direction and in seeking a new pastor.

SUGAR CREEK:

We hope everyone has had a wonderful Summer spending time with their families, enjoying the many blessings from God. We had a wonderful time at our end of summer family block party with live music, games, food and fellowship. We want to remember the youth group and all the teachers in our prayers as they start back to school this year, that they be the light in this world. We would love to have you join us at Sugar Creek Baptist Church. Bro. Phillip shares what God lays on his heart every Sunday morning at 9:30am and Wednesday and Sunday evening at 6:00pm. Join us for Sunday school for all ages at 8:45am.

God says to **"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."** Isaiah 41:10

LOVE PACKAGES

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Blood River Baptist Brotherhood/RA's We're Having a Back to School Picnic



August 6, 2022
Mike Miller Park in Benton
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Games and Fun



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