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Newsletter deadline for September 2024 is August 19th
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 Remember to limit your words to 175 & have your information in by the 20th of each month.

Mark's Memo:

Turning the calendar from July to August each year means several things. First, it means that summer vacation for teachers and students is just about over, and school will be back in session soon. So, I hope you will join me in praying for a safe school year for our students, staff, and administrators.

But the coming of August also means it is time for churches to pick up and fill out their ACP (Annual Church Profile). If you haven't picked up your ACP yet, they can be picked up at the office Monday – Thursday, 8:30 – 3:30. The completed ACP's need to be back at BRBA by September 12, 2024.

Another thing the coming of August means is it is time for our Nominating Committee and Budget/Finance Committee to begin their work for the 2024-25 year. I appreciate the work of those who have served on our various committees for the past year. For those rotating off one of our committees, I pray that our LORD would richly bless you for your service to Him and to our Association. Please pray for our Nominating Committee and Budget/Finance Committee as they prepare to perform their respective duties.

Furthermore, with the retirement announcement of our Associational Administrative Assistant, Terry Laster, our Personnel Committee and I will begin the process of receiving resume's, interviewing candidates, etc. Please pray that the LORD will send us the right person for this important ministry position for our association. If you know someone who might be interested in this position, please have them send a resume to director@bloodriverassoc.org.

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark E. Sickling

Do not make prayer a monologue...make it a conversation."
 - Author Unknown

ACP'S ARE READY !!!!



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

Please be sure and complete them and return to the BRBA office no later than **September 12th....**

If you plan to completed them online please notify the BRBA Office once you have submitted it.

Call the office at 270-437-4203 with any questions.

Thank you.

August 2024 Birthday's

- 2nd Roger Rice, Elva (I)
- 4th Chrystie Chapman, Scott's Grove
- 21st Michelle Logsdon, Oak Level
- 21st Brandon Shropshire, Bethlehem
- 22nd Ginger Severns, Memorial
- 22nd Rick Yarbrough, Ledbetter
- 23rd James Oates, Lakeview
- 29th Randy Kuykendall, West Fork
- 31st Philip Bazzell, Sugar Creek

August 2024 Wedding Anniversaries

- 2nd Brad & Robin Walker, Briensburg
- 3rd Ronnie & Lisa Burkeen, Cherry Corner
- 4th Roger & Janice Rice, Elva (I)
- 9th Larry & Ann Salmon, Coldwater
- 13th Jonathan & Erin Clark, BSU Director

August 2024 Pastor Anniversary at Church

- 1st Sunday**
Mark Sickling, BRBA (2017)
- 2nd Sunday**
Todd Dotson, Olive (2013)
Mike Farmer, Vanzora (2016)
Terry Josleyn, Ferguson Springs (2020)
- 3rd Sunday**
Calvin Bryant, New Zion (2023)
- 5th Sunday**
Duane Holland, Holly Hills (2010)



August 20, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.
 Southside Baptist Church
 205 Nichols Street
 Princeton KY

EQUIP provides training in every area of you church ministry. For more information and to register go to www.kybaptist.org/equip-2024/

Be in Prayer for our Country. May God Bless the United States of America.



Locust Grove Baptist Church is seeking candidates for a full-time pastor. Interested candidates can send a cover letter and resume to: Pastor Search Committee, Locust Grove Baptist Church, 1871 Locust Grove Rd., Murray KY 42071

Churches Currently without Pastors

Elva	Pleasant Valley
Locust Grove	Spring Creek
Oak Level	



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 Our Schools
 Each Other
 Our Teachers

Our Youth
 The Sick
 Missionaries

Churches without Pastors

NOTICE

Terry Laster has announced her retirement as of December 31, 2024, as our Administrative Assistant. Individuals interested in applying for this position may send a resume to: director@bloodriverassoc.org or mail to Blood River Baptist Association, P O Box 18, Hardin KY 42048

Lead WKY Pastoral Leadership Workshop

August 27, 2024 with 2 locations to choose from. Focused on self-leadership, if we cannot lead ourselves, we cannot lead others.

To get more information and to register go to <https://www.kybaptist.org/event/lead-wky-pastoral-leadership-workshop/2024-08-27/>



Blood River Review

AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

August Pastor's Prayer Times



2nd 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
9th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
16th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
23rd 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office



Deadline for Scholarship Applications is August 2, 2024. Contact Bro. Mark Sickling at 270-437-4203 for more information.

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Freeda Harris Toy Drive 2024

August 1 - October 27

New toys - for boys/girls
6 months - 16 yrs. old
DO NOT WRAP

Toys due at churches - October 27
Toys due to BRBA - November 4
Toys to be packed @ BRBA office
November 6 @ 9:00 a.m.

**NEED WRAPPING PAPER/TAPE
18 x 16 x 18 Medium moving boxes**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

August, 2024

1st		Begin Freeda Harris Toy Drive
2nd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
2nd		Deadline for Scholarship Applications
4th		Send Relief Sunday
6th	5:00 p.m.	Scholarship Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
7th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
9th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
13th	5:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
16th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
23rd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
25th		Global Hunger Sunday
27th	5:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
30th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

September, 2024 (Mark your calendar)

2nd		Labor Day (Office Closed)
6th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
8th-15th		Eliza Broadus Offering/Week of Prayer
8th		Grandparents Day
11th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
12th		DEADLINE FOR ACP'S TO BRBA OFFICE
13th	4:00 p.m.	Sr. Adult Rally @ Grace Baptist
13th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
13th-14th		Bi-Voc Pastors/Wife Retreat-Must register @ www.kybaptist.org
18th	7:30 a.m.	Pastor's Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel, Calvert City
20th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
21st		Children's Mission Day
22nd		First Day of Fall
27th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
28th	6:00 p.m.	Pastor/Deacon/Wife's dinner @ BRBA Office

The Classics

VBS for the Young at Heart Adults 55+
August 5th-7th, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Altona Baptist Church

3 Days of Fun, Fellowship, Worship, Speakers, Music!!!

Please register for this event by calling 270-395-4342. Contact the BRBA Office for more information!!!



Bethlehem

In June we honored all the men on Father's Day. July we had our monthly breakfast fellowship as well as celebrated the Lord's supper. Also, in July we remembered God and our Country on the 4th of July. If you are looking for a blessing come see us at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Our service times are 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. for Worship Service, Wednesday night service is at 6:30 p.m.

Hazel

VBS held the latter part of June was a huge success. Our mission offering of over \$19,000 went to the Foundations Community Academy. We enrolled 95 children & youth, 67 workers and Praise the Lord we had 4 youth saved. We want to especially welcome to our church family by baptism Landon Kimbro, Amber Lee and Kinsey Perry. We have been so blessed! The mission trip to Mt. View Baptist Camp in Monticello, KY was also successful with 29 volunteers doing lots of needed work. Mt. View Camp had 304 in attendance the first week with 75 being saved. In August, we will have our annual home-made ice cream competition. Coming on September 29th is Homecoming with The Kendrees providing special music and Bro. Kara Blackard speaking. The youth and children will be wrapping up the summer by doing service projects throughout the Hazel Community. Blessings on each sister church!

New Bethel

On June 22-23, we had a Youth Lock-in, with food, games, prizes, Bible Study AND No Sleep! On June 29th, several of our young people, went on a Kentucky Changers Kids One Day Mission Trip to Walnut Memorial Baptist Church in Owensboro, KY. On June 30th, Bro. David Chandler brought the message in the evening service, and then there was a farewell Ice Cream Social, thanking him and Cara and Ava for his time as our Interim Pastor and a job well done. July 4th, Happy Independence Day, 248 years and counting, and thanks to all our Service Personnel, past and present, who keep us free and make the USA the greatest country God ever allowed to exist. On July 7th, Bro. Joey Green spoke on Serving and being the hands and feet of Jesus; afterwards we made Blessing Bags. On July 9th our Young at Heart Seniors traveled to Aces Chicago Pizza in Mayfield for their monthly outing. On July 18th, in our FLC, it's Ladies Night Out, with Guest Speaker Hailey Roach. Pray!

"And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts." Psalm 119:45

Salem

Salem Baptist had another precious soul saved! Praise His Holy Name! Back To School will be August 3rd at 4 p.m. Please bring your own lawn chairs. Summer is flying by quickly! Stores have their supplies up front and ready for purchase; the first day of school will be here before we know it. Prayers for safety over all the students, teachers, bus drivers, and staff, not only for the first day, but all year.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 28:19

Bags of Hope

Hours for Food & Clothing: Monday & Thursday 1-4 p.m. Phone number: 270-252-9266 Food donations can still be donated at the Association office Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 3:30 p.m. if more convenient.

Spring Creek

Spring Creek enjoyed a church wide fellowship with homemade ice cream on July 7th. Please be in prayer for our students and teachers as schools will be starting another year. We are looking forward to our annual Homecoming on September 15th. Always a joy to see friends and family gather for this occasion. Bro. Dale Taylor will kick off our Fall Revival on September 16th. It will continue through Wednesday night September 18th. Come hear Bro. Taylor and receive a blessing. Please continue to pray for our church as we seek a pastor.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; where of we are glad." Psalms 126:3

Bags of Hope Pantry list for AUGUST

Altona-chili & saltine crackers
Bethel-cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
Bethlehem-canned chicken & canned tomatoes
Briensburg-pork-n-beans & spaghetti noodles
Cherry Corner-black eyed peas & canned potatoes
Elva-saltine crackers & bars of soap
Flint-canned chicken & canned potatoes
Gilbertsville-canned tomatoes & jiffy corn muffin mix
Grace-pancake mix & bars of soap
Hamlet-ravioli & canned potatoes
Hazel-pork-n-beans & chili
Holly Hills-canned chicken & instant potatoes
Kirksey-saltine crackers & jiffy corn muffin mix
Lakeview-canned tomatoes & indiv wrapped cookies for kids
Ledbetter-manwich /sloppy joe sauce & mixed vegetables
Locust Grove-pancake mix & jiffy corn muffin mix
Memorial-canned chicken & instant potatoes
New Bethel-ravioli & canned tomatoes
New Harmony-saltine crackers & instant potatoes
New Zion-pork-n-beans & saltine crackers
Northside-chili & black eyed peas
Oak Grove-spaghetti sauce (no glass jars) & spaghetti noodles
Olive-pork-n-beans & spaghetti noodles
Owens Chapel-Manwich/sloppy joe sauce & indiv wrapped cookies
Pleasant Hope-canned great northern white beans & instant potatoes
Salem-chili & saltine crackers
Sinking Springs-pancake syrup & jiffy corn muffin mix
Spring Creek-ravioli & pork-n-beans
Sugar Creek-canned white northern beans & fruit snacks for kids
Union Ridge-canned chicken & canned tomatoes
West Fork-cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix

Bags of Hope Ministry Report

In June we were able to help **347** people, **55** of those were new. We gave out **4,865** food items, **455** bread, and **142** personal hygiene items. We share the gospel and pray for everyone that comes to the pantry. This month, praise the Lord, we had a person come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Thank you for your continued support for this ministry. Your support helps make this ministry happen. Please continue to pray for the volunteers.

Thank you and God Bless.