

# Blood River Review

February 2020 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Mark's Memos

We had a great turnout for our KBC Refocus Evangelism Training that we hosted on January 27. It was very informative and convicting. Consider these sobering statistics: There are nearly 13,000 unchurched people living in Marshall County. Which is nearly 1 out of every 2 households in Marshall County. Furthermore, statistics tell us that 65% of Kentucky residents are lost and that 3 Kentuckians die every hour apart from a relationship with Christ.

Brothers and sisters, there is much work to be done. The fields are white under harvest, let us not grow weary, but instead, let's get up off our pew and go out into the streets and share the love of Christ with the lost in word and deed.

Our Bags of Hope Board of Directors met on January 21. Bro. Dale Taylor shared that the Bags of Hope Facebook page is now up and running. You can find it by going to Facebook and searching for Bags of Hope Benton KY. I also shared a new tri-fold flier about Bags of Hope that can be shared with churches or businesses that explains the ministry of Bags of Hope. If you would like some of these Bags of Hope fliers, just let me know.

On February 24, we will host an I GO Missions Training event here at Blood River Baptist Association at 6:30 p.m. This training is designed to help your church recognize how you can be involved in missions locally, statewide, and globally. Pastors, WMU Directors; Men's Ministry leaders or anyone interested in missions is encouraged to attend. Registration for this event must be done on-line at [www.kybaptist.org](http://www.kybaptist.org).

We have two guests coming to share with us during the February 13, 2020, Mission Board Meeting at Memorial Baptist Church. Jeff and Dee Donaldson, students at Southern Seminary in Louisville, are preparing to go to the United Arab Emirates as Church Planters. They will share during our fellowship meal. Then, Richard Nelson, of the Commonwealth policy Center, will share with us about his work representing Christians and churches in Frankfort.

Serving Him Together,  
Bro. Mark



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**Blood River Baptist Association**  
**Board Meeting**  
Mission Board Meeting  
New Zion Baptist Church  
March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

## February



- 5<sup>th</sup> Dale Taylor
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dedria Moore
- 24<sup>th</sup> Van Russell
- 25<sup>th</sup> June Brasher
- 25<sup>th</sup> Cornelia Walker
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Polo
- 28<sup>th</sup> Haley Pratt

## Happy Anniversary

- 28<sup>th</sup> Chris and Dedria Moore (1992), Sharpe



**Church security work shop!**

New Harmony Baptist Church

March 7, 2020 9 am - 12 pm

Experience an exchange of  
**MISSIONS IDEAS AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE CHURCH**  
at an iGO WORKSHOP

**iGO**  
STEPS TO  
MOBILIZING YOUR CHURCH  
FOR MISSIONS

FEBRUARY 24 • Warren Association, Bowling Green  
Blood River Association, Hardin

FEBRUARY 25 • Kentucky Baptist Convention, Louisville  
High Street Baptist Church, Somerset

FEBRUARY 27 • Highlands Baptist Church, Lexington  
Allen Baptist Church, Prestonsburg

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[www.kybaptist.org/iGOtraining](http://www.kybaptist.org/iGOtraining)

## YOUTH EVANGELISM SUMMIT February 21-22, 2020 Stithon Baptist Church Radcliff KY

At the Youth Evangelism Summit, your middle and high school students will learn practical ways to share their faith in an ever-shifting culture. Leading the large group sessions is Kentucky Baptist Convention Church Evangelism Associate Kenny Rager.



Students will have the opportunity to select three breakout sessions, including:

- How to Study the Word of God / Develop a Quiet Time, Steve Coleman
- Gospel Conversation / Share My Story, Tim Howard
- Apologetics 101, Jason Burnett
- 3 Circles / How to Share the Gospel
- Navigating the Culture
- Preparing for College high school only, Jonathan Clark
- Youth Ministry Leaders, Matt Flanagan

Register Now at [kybaptist.org/yes](http://kybaptist.org/yes)

### CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Elva	Oak Grove
New Mt. Carmel	Opportunity Church
Sinking Spring	Pleasant Hope
Salem	

## UPCOMING Events

### February

2 <sup>nd</sup>		Groundhog Day
4 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm	Evangelism Committee BRBA
9 <sup>th</sup>		Racial Reconciliation Sunday
10 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>		Focus on WMU
12 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm	Finance Committee BRBA
12 <sup>th</sup>		Lincoln's Birthday
13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	<b>Exec. Board Mtg. Memorial</b>
14 <sup>th</sup>		Valentines Day
15 <sup>th</sup>		Children's Missions Day
18 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	Const. By-Laws Committee BRBA
22 <sup>nd</sup>		Washington's Birthday
24 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	"I Go" KBC Missions Training @ BRBA

### March

3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00 pm	Missions Committee Mtg. @BRBA
5 <sup>th</sup>		Observance of Week of Prayer
3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>		Week of Prayer and Study Mission Study for North American Missions/Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
10 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm	Finance Committee Mtg. @ BRBA
12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Exec. Board Mtg. @ New Zion
15 <sup>th</sup>		Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
17 <sup>th</sup>		Saint Patrick's Day
19 <sup>th</sup>		First Day of Spring
26 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	Transportation Committee Mtg. @ BRBA
29 <sup>th</sup>		Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
31 <sup>st</sup>	TBA	Missions Committee Mtg. @ BRBA

**OAK GROVE:** December was a wonderful and joyous month as we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ. The church was decorated so beautifully, it put us in the Christmas spirit. On Sunday morning December 22, our choir did an outstanding job presenting the Christmas cantata. That evening the children and youth presented their Christmas program. Following the program, we enjoyed pizza, salad, and all sorts of desserts in the fellowship hall. We are thankful for the ladies that work with the children and youth. They are the future of our church. Our Women of Hope are preparing for the annual winter tea on January 25. There will be a special speaker and special music. The ladies always look forward to this event. Each Sunday we are blessed with wonderful messages by Bro. Mike Rhodes. We are so grateful to have him serving as our interim pastor. We continue to pray for the number in our church with serious illnesses and the situations they may be facing.

**NEW BETHEL:** On Sunday January 5th in the morning service, we observed the Lord's Supper, an Ordinance given to us by our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. There was a Community Prayer Night at Marshall County High School on Wednesday January 8th as we came together in unity and prayer for our Community. We celebrated Sanctity of Life Sunday on January 19th here at New Bethel with Special Music by our Children and Youth. The Hope Clinic Baby Bottle Fund Raiser is here now and we're ready to stuff those baby bottles with bills and change to help support this Ministry. Coming soon, on Sunday February 2nd we will have our monthly Breakfast Fellowship and on Saturday February 15th we will have a Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner with the proceeds going to help our Youth attend Camp at Jonathan Creek.

I Corinthians 13:12 "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."

### 2020 Western Kentucky Evangelism Conference

March 2, 2020 - Southern Baptist Church

Sessions begin at 9:00 am, 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm

#### Featured Speakers:

Dr. Richard Land	Dr. Fred Luter
Dr. Chuck Kelley	Dr. Roger Spradlin
Bro. Dane Hodges	

Celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Baptist Faith and Message. This year's speakers were on the Baptist Faith and Message Committee in 2000. Each will be preaching on Biblical Doctrines from the Baptist Faith and Message. This Conference is a ministry of the Caldwell/Lyon Baptist Association.

### FOCUS ON WMU FEBRUARY 10-16, 2020

February is the time for Focus on WMU. "For generations, WMU has sought to support missions through its various ministries. Today, we continue to champion gospel urgency through missions in the local church. Whether it's through giving opportunities, missions training events, missions education or missions actions, our goal is to encourage all people to know their role in missions support" says Liz Encinia, KY WMU executive director-treasurer.

The Western Recorder reports, "Encinia and KY WMU have been researching ways that will help fortify and encourage missions education in new ways. She emphasized the need to expose children to missions at a young age to prepare and educate them for their ministry later in life. Many missionaries report that they felt the call to missions when they were in missions education as a GA or RA, sharing that the training received there prepared them mentally for the mission field."



Eric Allen, missions mobilization team leader at the KBC stated, "Missions education is critical. People can't respond by praying, giving or going if they're unaware of the needs or don't know about those missionaries who are sharing the gospel."

Linda Cooper, President of the national WMU says

"Missions education is vital in the life of a church. We believe the Great Commission is a mandate to all believers thus the need to make disciples. That's what we do in WMU--we make disciples of Jesus who live on mission."

Blood River WMU is here to assist any church who would like to start missions education for any age group. National WMU assists with getting curriculum and training is available in the state and regionally.

Pray for WMU as it promotes the work of ministries and missionaries in KY and around the world.

### Notes from the Food Pantry

In December we were able to help 106 families, 12 of which were new. We gave out 3516 food items, 775 bread, and 189 hygiene items,

God has blessed this ministry in 1019, We were able to help 1351 families, we gave out 40,565 food items, 4,874 bread, and 224 hygiene items, We also gave out 110 Thanksgiving baskets, with 2030 food items, We want to thank those that fixed Christmas boxes this year to give out to 49 families,

We praise God that we saw 5 salvations through this ministry in 2019.

We want to thank everyone for their continued support for this ministry

Thanks

God Bless

### Bags of Hope

Hours: Monday & Thursday 2-5 pm for food

Hours for clothing: Monday & Thursday 2-5 pm

Food donations can still be donated at the Association Monday- Friday 9am - 4pm if more convenient.