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**Blood River Baptist Association
 Board Meeting:**
Blood River Baptist Assoc. Office
47 Aurora Hwy.
Hardin KY 42048
February 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Mark's Memos:

The Bible tells us in Ecclesiastes 1:9, "***That which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun.***"

On January 20, 2021, Joseph R. Biden took the oath of office in order to serve as the 46th President of the United States of America. As expected, President Biden is quickly reversing many of the executive orders of his predecessor and calling for unity across the nation.

I agree that our nation needs to unify, but a new president and a new congress cannot and will not bring about national unity in the United States of America. In fact, I suspect the political, economic, racial, and spiritual division that exists today in our nation will only grow worse in the days to come. Why?

I will allow our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ to answer that question. In John 17: 14 Jesus said, "***I have given them Your Word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.***"

As long as Satan is on the prowl and as long as there are unbelievers among us, there will be division in our nation and the world, because the world hates anything and everything that stands for Jesus.

Therefore, "***Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.***"

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark E. Sickling



Newsletter deadline is
February 20, 2021

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



The **Gospel to Every Home** is a cooperative initiative to mobilize Kentucky Baptists in prayerfully delivering a set of **gospel** resources to **each** of the 1.7+ **homes** in the Commonwealth. Ultimately, the goal is for **every** Kentuckian to have multiple opportunities to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

[We need your help with stuffing bags for this mission. You can do this individually or as a church group. Please call the office 270-437-4203 to see how you can help.](#)



The association needs your help. Since the onset of COVID-19 our churches have not been meeting in person and it has been difficult to keep churches and church members informed on what the association is doing. If you know of someone who is not getting the newsletter, please have them call the office at 270-437-4203 so that they can be added to the list. Also, if you are getting the newsletter mailed to you and you would prefer email, please call the office and let us know. We want to make sure that everyone who wants this newsletter is able to get it. Thank you for your help.

Notes from the Food Pantry

In December we were able to help 118 families 9 which were new families. We gave out 3,165 food, 426 bread and 118 personal hygiene items. Our counselors also shared the gospel with 62 people in December. For our "Christmas Blessing Boxes" we made and gave out 63 boxes. We want to thank you for your continued support for this ministry, without it we could not be so successful. We ask for your prayers for the volunteers in this ministry.

God Bless.

Our God is a God of new beginnings.

UPCOMING Events

February 2021

| | | |
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| 2nd | | Happy Ground Hog Day |
| 8th - 14th | | Focus on WMU |
| 10th | 1:00 p.m. | Budget/Finance Committee Mtg at BRBA |
| 11th | 6:30 p.m. | Executive Board Meeting at BRBA |
| 12th | | Lincoln's Birthday |
| 14th | | Happy Valentines Day |
| 14th | | Racial Reconciliation Sunday |
| 15th | | President's Day |
| 22nd | | Washington's Birthday |
| 23rd | 5:00 p.m. | Missions Committee Meeting at BRBA |

Coming in March 2021 - Mark your Calendar

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| 1st - 31st | | Pastor's Wife Appreciation Month |
| 6th | 1:00-4:00 p.m. | Gospel to Every Home Distribution |
| 7th - 14th | | Week of Prayer for North American Missions/Annie Armstrong Easter Offering |
| 8th | 10:00 a.m. | LBL Council Meeting - BRBA |
| 8th | 5:00 p.m. | Missions Committee Meeting - BRBA |
| 10th | 1:00 p.m. | Budget/Finance Committee Meeting - BRBA |
| 11th | 6:30 p.m. | Executive Board Meeting at Owens Chapel Baptist Church |
| 13th | 1:00-4:00 p.m. | Gospel to Every Home Distribution |
| 14th | | Time to Spring Ahead |
| 17th | | St. Patrick's Day |
| 20th | | Happy First Day of Spring!!! |
| | 1:00-4:00 p.m. | Gospel to Every Home Distribution |
| 21st | | Church Planting Emphasis Sunday |
| | | Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday |
| 27th | 1:00-4:00 p.m. | Gospel to Every Home Distribution |
| 28th | | Palm Sunday |

WMU® God's mission.
 Our passion.

Focus on WMU week February 8-14, 2021

Blood River Review

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



- 5th Dale Taylor, New Zion BC
- 14th Dedria Moore, Sharpe BC
- 19th Kim Miles, Kirksey BC
- 24th Van Russell, Pleasant Hope BC
- 25th Cornelia Walker, Gilbertsville BC
- 25th June Brasher, Oak Level BC

Happy Anniversary

28th Chris & Dedria Moore, Sharpe BC



**Budget/Finance
Committee Meeting**
February 10 - 1:00 p.m.
BRBA

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

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| New Bethel | Oak Grove | Salem |
| New Mt. Carmel | Cherry Corner | Elva |
| Ledbetter | | |

Happy Valentine's Day

1Corinthians
16:14 —
Let all that you
do be done with
love.



We want to hear from your church. Please send us your church news.
Deadline is the 20th of each month.
Email it to : bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org.



February 2,
2021
Will he see
his shadow?

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

NEW BETHEL:

Here at New Bethel we have voted to resume in-person Wednesday night services at 6:30 p.m. on January 20th, and in-person Sunday night services at 6:00 p.m. on January 24th, to go along with our in-person Sunday morning Worship services at 10:00 a.m. These services will also be on Facebook for those who are still concerned about attending in person. Brother Royce Dukes continues to serve as our Interim Pastor as our Search Committee seeks the Pastor that God has already chosen for us. Brother Royce has an early Morning Devotional on Facebook each week day. Please keep Brother Mark and Jackie, Brother Royce, New Bethel, all Our Churches and Pastors, Our Country, Our State, Marshall County and All Our Kids, Their Teachers, and Everyone Involved in Getting the Kids Back to In-Person School.

In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. Psalm 56:4

BRIENSBURG

Greetings from Briensburg Baptist Church. We have been blessed in the month of January to see two of our young people accept Christ as Lord and Savior. It has been encouraging to see one another face to face again in Sunday School and Discipleship classes this month. Virtual options are still in place, but we are socially distancing and meeting in our largest spaces in person for those that desire that option. We have also continued our Sunday Night worship services and restarted our children's and youth missions' classes on the 24th. Like so many of you, we are gearing up for Gospel to Every Home and pray to see many new individuals and families reached in the coming months. Our prayer is to see new believers baptized and discipled to become disciple makers themselves through the efforts of this year's outreach. Blessings in Christ as we minister together.

SUGAR CREEK:

Happy New Year, we are thankful for another year God has given us to go spread His Word, so let us do just that in 2021. Come and join us the hear God's word at Sugar Creek so that we may go out and tell others about Him. Our services are still continuing on Sunday's at 9:30 a.m. outside, you can sit in your vehicle and listen to Bro. Philip on the radio. We also offer a inside service on Sunday's at 10:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (with mask and social distancing required). Our 10:15 a.m. service is still available on Facebook live. We are having Wednesday night service at 6:00 p.m. inside (again with mask and social distancing required). **Blessings are upon the head of the just; but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. (Proverbs 10:6)**

HOLLY HILLS:

Like most other churches, we have had a difficult year, because of Co-Vid. In October, our Music Director, Rick Dykes went home to be with his Lord, due to Co-Vid. As of January 7th, although 3 or 4 others in our church family have had the virus, all have recovered. Sadly some of the relatives of our church family succumbed to Co-Vid. But God has been very gracious to us! Since June 14, 2020, we restarted all three services every week and have maintained those services and attendance has averaged about 2/3 of what it was prior to the virus. We've also been blessed with Prospects attending along the way. Our custodians have worked at maintaining a "sanitized" building and our church family has remained faithful in the tithes and offerings. We have done what many other have done, in that we began a Facebook page and are putting our Sunday morning services on it every week, unless we have technical difficulties. We have been informed of at least one person being saved who viewed one of our services. He is a 81 year old man living in Wisconsin. We certainly are looking forward to a positive return in attendance in 2021.

POPLAR SPRING:

We are offering live-stream services on Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening, we are also hosting in-person services at the same time. We are practicing social distancing, wearing mask and taking temperatures at the door. We also continue to sanitized between services. We are offering adult and youth Sunday School. As of January 3, 2021 we resumed full schedules including nursery, children's Sunday School and children's church. We are also running our vans to pick up kids. Hopefully, things will get better now that here is a vaccine, until then we'll just keep moving forward for God!!!

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.



John 16:33