

Blood River Review

January 2020 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Mark's Memos

In Philippians 3:14-15, the Apostle Paul writes, "Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

The human mind is amazing complex. God has programmed our minds with the capacity to remember certain details or experiences of our lives, as if they happened yesterday. Yet, sometimes, if asked, I can't remember what I had for lunch yesterday.

One of the things I like about beginning a "New Year" is that it affords each and every one of us an opportunity to forget our failures and start the "New Year" with a clean slate. The Apostle John writes, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us of all our unrighteousness."

So, I encourage you to do just that...begin this year by confessing your sins and failures to the LORD and ask Him to give you the strength necessary to be more faithful to Him; His Word; and His Church in 2020.

We are hosting a couple of KBC Training events in the next couple of months here at BRBA. On January 27, we will host a KBC Refocus Evangelism event; and on February 24, we will host an I GO Missions Training event. Registration is required for both events and must be done on-line at www.kybaptist.org.

Also, looking a little further ahead, Bro. Don Spencer, of the KBC will be here at BRBA to meet with Pastor's regarding their retirement accounts through Guidestone on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from 9:00 am. – 4:00 p.m. To make an appointment please call the office at 270-437-4203.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as I close this article, I praise God for all that He has done in and through you, your church, and Blood River Baptist Association in 2019 and I can't wait to see what He does through us in 2020.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark



January 21, 2020

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January



- 2nd Jana Kee
- 9th George Cup, Jr.
- 13th Glenn Cope
- 17th Jackie Thweatt

Happy Anniversary

- 1st Martin and Ginger Severns (1983), Memorial
- 6th Hal and Mary Barrow (1963), Blood River
- 7th Philip and Teresa Bazzell (1972), Sugar Creek

Church Anniversary

First Sunday

- Bro. Larry Salmon (2002), Coldwater
- Bro. Randy Kuyendall (2012), West Fork

Second Sunday

- Bro. Philip Bazzell (2017), Sugar Creek



Minister's Luncheon at Parcell's

165 US Hwy 68 E
Benton, KY 42025
January 16, 2020
Noon



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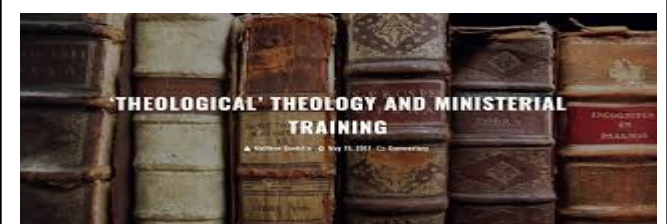
FEBRUARY 24 • Warren Association, Bowling Green
Blood River Association, Hardin

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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Scholarship Applications

If you or someone you know is seeking to serve the LORD and His church and working on a bachelor or master's degree in ministry, you might be eligible to receive a scholarship from our Blood River Baptist Association Scholarship Fund. The deadline to have your application packet back into Blood River Baptist Association is January 3, 2020. If you would like more information or would like to have us send you an application packet, please contact the office at 270-437-4203 or bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org.

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Blood River Baptist Association
Board Meeting
Mission Board Meeting
Pending Location
February 13th, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

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

UPCOMING Events

January

1 st		Happy New Years
3 rd		Deadline for Scholarship Applications
5 th	4:30 pm	First Place Orientation Memorial Baptist
6 th	6:30 pm	First Place Orientation @ BRBA
7 th	1:00 pm	Finance Committee @ BRBA
7 th	5:30 pm	Scholarship Committee @ BRBA
9 th	6:30 pm	Exec. Board Meeting @ New Harmony
12 th	4:15 pm	First Place Meets Weekly @ Memorial
13 th	5:00 pm	First Place Meets Weekly @ Memorial
15 th	12:00 pm	Minister's Luncheon @ Parcell's Deli in Draffenville
19 th		Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
20 th		Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Office Closed)
27 th	10:00 am	WMU Quarterly Meeting @ Salem
27 th	12-2:30 pm	KBC Refocus Evangelism @ BRBA

February

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

Salem: We had a wonderful Thanksgiving service and meal with Oak Grove and Sinking Spring. It is always good to fellowship with our sister churches. Bro. Curtis gave us a Thanksgiving message and we had special music. On December 1, we brought decorations and decorated the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. WMU had special guests at its December meeting. Rev. Maurice Singh and his wife, Stacey, came from India to speak to our group. They also displayed silk scarves and linens that the girls in the tailoring school in India had made. On the 15th we took food baskets to our shut-ins which is always a blessing to us and to them. Then we came back to the church for refreshments. On December 22, we will have our Christmas program at 6:00 p.m. and finger food afterward. We appreciate those who work with the children to make this program possible. Each Sunday we have heard the advent devotions and lit a candle. We have had a blessed year at Salem with Bro. Curtis and Marlene. We are thankful for their ministry at Salem. We are getting acquainted with our new members and encouraging them to join in with the activities. Members who have been out sick are now back, and we are thankful for prayers being answered. We miss our church members and extended church family who have gone on to be with the Lord. We continue to pray for the family. We want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Salem Baptist Church. The Lord has abundantly blessed all of us this year, and we look forward to the Lord's blessings in 2020.

Oak Grove: November was a busy month starting with the Freeda Harris Toy Drive and followed by the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. The Women of Hope made and delivered Thanksgiving baskets and contributed to the Calloway County Schools' Santa Project. On November 24, Salem Baptist hosted the annual Thanksgiving service with Sinking Spring and Oak Grove attending. Their pastor, Bro. Curtis Rice delivered the message. Oak Grove people truly enjoyed the service, the special music, and the delicious meal that was served in the family life center. Our church collected a special offering in November for the Sunrise Children's Home in addition to our monthly contribution to them. Our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering is \$1,000. We will be receiving contributions through the month of December. The church choir will present "That's Why There's A Christmas Day" at the morning worship service on Sunday, December 22nd. The Children's Christmas Program will be presented Sunday, December 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Following the program, there will be a meal in the fellowship hall. May we all remember the reason for the season, JESUS CHRIST!

New Bethel: On Sunday December 8th in the morning service, Scott Adair and his group "Sufficient Grace Quartet" brought some wonderful Special Music to our Song Service. Afterwards, we had our Holiday Meal Fellowship with a lot of delicious food and Fellowship. On Friday December 13th our Young At Heart Seniors had their Annual Christmas Dinner. Christmas Baskets for our Shut-ins were delivered Sunday December 15th. Our Youth and Children's Christmas Program was on Wednesday December 18th and all that practice really paid off—it was great. With everything that's going on at this time of the year, we just need to remember that we're celebrating the birthday of Jesus on December 25th, and He was the greatest Gift of all, to all of us. On Sunday December 29th we will observe the Lord's Supper. A New Year is almost upon us and here at New Bethel we are looking forward to having another great year with our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus.

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®

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KBC Refocus Evangelism and Apologetics Conference

Blood River Baptist Association

January 27, 2020

12:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Speaker Bro. David Evans,

Senior Pastor, Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield, TN

Register at <https://kbc.regfox.com/refocus-2020-apologetics-evangelism>

Notes from the Food Pantry

In November we were able to help 95 families 6 of which were new. We gave out 2977 food items, 346 bread, and 153 hygiene items. We were also able to fix and give out 110 Thanksgiving baskets. We want to Thank you for your support for this ministry. Please continue to pray for the volunteers that work in this ministry.

Thank You

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.