

Blood River Baptist Association
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**Blood River Baptist Association
 Board Meeting:
 Flint Baptist Church
 1350 Flint Road
 Murray KY 42071
 January 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

Mark's Memos:

In Psalm 80:4, the Psalmist writes, "**O LORD God of hosts, 'How long will You be angry with the prayer of Your people.'**" While in Revelation 6:10, those saints martyred during the tribulation cry out, "**How long, O, Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?**"

I suspect most of us, if we were honest, are thinking:

"How long O, LORD, will this pandemic last?"

"How long, O, LORD, will we have to wear a mask to church?"

"How long, O, LORD, will it be before we can have a family reunion?"

"How long, O, LORD, will it be before we can have a church fish-fry?"

"How long, O, LORD, will it be before I can hug my brothers and sisters in Christ; my family; or my friends; without fear of catching a virus?"

Folks, I don't know the answer to those questions. It is my prayer that this Covid-19 pandemic and all it has brought upon us, would disappear as quickly as it came. But I do know that God loves you and His plans for you include "**peace and not evil**" and a "**future and a hope.**"(Jer. 29:11)

So, I want to encourage you to look with anticipation at what God is going to do in our world; our country; our state; our community; our churches; our homes; and our individual lives. Furthermore, I encourage you to ask Him to show you what He is doing, so that you might join Him in His work in 2021.

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark



January 21, 2021
 EMAIL US AT:
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 Remember to limit your words to 175 & have your information in by the 21ST 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 your for your help.

Notes from the Food Pantry

In November we were able to help 111 families 9 which were new families. We gave out 2,284 food, 339 bread and 111 personal hygiene items. Our counselors also shared the gospel with 24 people in November. For Thanksgiving we made and gave out 105 Thanksgiving baskets. 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**

December 2020

21st - 31st Christmas Holiday (Office Closed)
 25th Christmas Day
 31st New Year's Eve

January 2021

1st New Year's Day - Office Closed
 1st Deadline for Scholarship Applications
 3rd 4:30 pm 1st Place Orientation at Memorial BC
 4th 6:00 pm 1st Place Orientation at BRBA
 5th 5:00 pm Scholarship Committee Mtg at BRBA
 10th 4:15 pm 1st Place Meets Weekly at Memorial
 11th 10:00 am LBL Council Mtg at BRBA
 11th 5:00 pm 1st Place Meets Weekly at TBA
 13th 1:00 pm Budget/Finance Committee Mtg at BRBA
 14th 6:30 pm Exec. Board Mtg at Flint BC
 17th Sanctity of Life Sunday
 18th Martin Luther King Jr Day (Office Closed)
 19th 5:00 pm Mission Committee Mtg at BRBA
 20th 12:00 pm Minister's Luncheon/Fellowship at Habanero Mexican Grill-Draffenville
 21st 6:30 pm Bags of Hope Mtg at BRBA
 24th Bags of Hope Sunday
 25th 10:00 WMU Quarterly Mtg at Altona BC

February 2021

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

Blood River Review

JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



- 2nd Jana Kee, Union Ridge
- 9th George Culp, Jr. Pleasant Valley
- 13th Glenn Cope, Flint
- 31st Darvin Stom, Lakeview

Happy Anniversary

- 1st Martin & Ginger Severns, Memorial BC
- 5th Darvin & Vivian Stom, Lakeview BC
- 7th Philip & Teresa Bazzell, Sugar Creek BC

Church Anniversaries

- 1st Sunday**
Randy Kuykendall, West Fork (2012)
Larry Salmon, Coldwater (2002)
- 2nd Sunday**
Philip Bazzell, Sugar Creek (2017)
Terry Josleyn, Ferguson Springs (2020)
- 3rd Sunday**
Jeff Norsworthy, Blood River (2020)



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

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

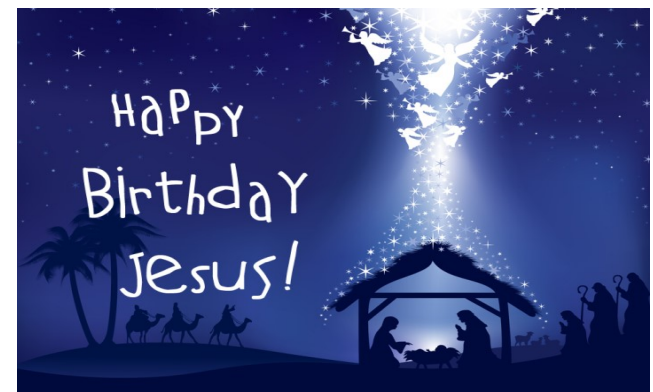
Deadline for Scholarship Applications is January 1, 2021. Your application must be received at the Association Office no later than January 1, 2021.



Minister's Luncheon & Fellowship at 12:00 noon - January 20
Habanero Mexican Grill in Draffenville



Sunday, January 24, is Bags of Hope Sunday. We encourage you to take up a "love offering" for Bags of Hope on this day.



CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

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

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 Monday- Friday 9am - 4pm if more convenient.
Phone: 270-252-9266



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



WMU Quarterly Meeting 10:00 a.m. at Altona Baptist on January 25th.



Remember:
January 17, 2020 is Sanctity of Life Sunday

LIFE MATTERS!!

Office closed 1/18/2021 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

happy new year

Happy New Year! May the blessings of God be showered on you & your family in this year. Wishing you & your family a very happy and prosperous new year. See to it that each day, you feed your soul with God's Word.

NEW BETHEL:

Here at New Bethel we have temporarily paused in person services except for the Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. due to increased Corona Virus concerns. All services will continue to be broadcast on Facebook, including the Sunday Morning Service. Our Search Committee has found an Interim Pastor for us and the Congregation voted to call Brother Royce Dukes as Interim until we find the Pastor that God has chosen for us. Brother Joe Ed Brooks was in our Morning Service on December 13th and gave us a lot of information about the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Ministry, which we donated 45 shoe boxes to. We are also beginning to collect for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Remember that Jesus is the reason for the Season as we celebrate His birthday with gifts to family and friends. Please pray for Brother Mark Thweatt and Jackie, New Bethel, all our Churches and Pastors, our Country, State and Marshall County.

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SUGAR CREEK:

At Sugar Creek Baptist Church we are continuing our outdoor Sunday morning service at 9:30 and indoor service with Facebook live at 10:15 (mask and social distancing required). Our Sunday night and Wednesday night services are inside at 6:00 pm. God is continuing to do wonderful things in our little church on the hill and we are so thankful. We hope to have you join us. It is Christmas time and during this time of year it is easy to get caught up in the festivities and the worldly things and forget the real reason for the season, Jesus Christ. It is the most wonderful time of the year because we get to celebrate the birth of our Savior. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy new year!

Isaiah 9:6 Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.