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Mark's Memo:

Our annual BRBA Men's Golf Scramble was rained out on June 1, so we re-scheduled it for June 15. What a difference 2 weeks can make. It was cool and rainy on June 1, and sunny and stifling hot on June 15. But, we had 7 teams from 6 different churches participate and the team from Bethel Baptist Church (my team) won with a score of 6 under par. Sharpe Baptist Church and New Zion tied for second place, with a 4 under par score. Sharpe took home the prize for second on a random "countback" of hole #12. Prizes were awarded for closest to the pin and longest drives. Despite the heat, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 11-12. While there was some disagreement voiced on some issues, overall, the annual meeting was peaceful and productive. The NAMB luncheon and the IMB Commissioning service were both encouraging and moving. North Carolina Pastor, Clint Pressley was elected President of the SBC for 2024-25. Please pray for him and all of our SBC leadership.

Jason and Kelly Hart, Missionaries to Guatemala will be having a fundraising dinner/event at Walnut Street Baptist Church on Saturday, July 20, at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Katie Peace @ (502) 594-6859 or servanthartsfamily@gmail.com.

New Harmony Baptist Church will host a Reset Evangelism Training Event on Tuesday, July 23, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Please register at <https://kbc.regfox.com/reset-bringing-hope-to-wky-2024>.

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark E. Sickling

July 2024 Birthdays

- 2nd Ken Jewell, Opportunity
- 10th Sandy Josleyn, Ferguson Springs
- 10th Mark Sickling, BRBA
- 15th Bernice Taylor, New Mt. Carmel
- 16th Shawn Hanes, Kirksey
- 17th Brad Walker, Briensburg
- 18th Teresa Bazzell, Sugar Creek
- 18th Misty Harris, Poplar Spring
- 23rd Jason Logsdon, Oak Level
- 23rd Graig Wortham, New Providence
- 24th Janice Rice, Elva
- 26th Mike Farmer, Vanzora

July 2024 Pastor Anniversary at Church

- 1st Sunday**
Jordan Roach, Hazel (2016)
- 3rd Sunday**
Frankie McKinney, Salem (2021)



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

True/False Questions about the Bible

1. The Bible is the most popular book ever written (by copies sold)?
A. True B. False
2. David wrote the entire book of Psalms?
A. True B. False
3. Adam gave Eve the forbidden fruit?
A. True B. False
4. King Saul was the first King of Israel?
A. True B. False
5. Zephaniah was the father of John the Baptist?
A. True B. False

Answers: 1. True 2. False 3. False 4. True 5. False

LOOKING AHEAD

Freeda Harris Toy Drive 2024
 Begins August 1, 2024



Summer Vacation Bible Schools

- Sharpe Baptist - July 10-12
- Altona Baptist - July 14-18 @ 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- Elva Baptist - July 21-26 @ 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.



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| Our Leaders | Sister Churches | Our Youth |
| Our Country | Our Schools | The Sick |
| The Lost | Each Other | Missionaries |
| Our Pastors | Our Teachers | |

Churches without Pastors

Churches Currently without Pastors

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| Elva | Old Salem Road |
| Locust Grove | Pleasant Valley |
| New Providence | Spring Creek |
| Oak Level | |

The Fruit of the Spirit Word Scramble

1. _____: "Let your gentleness to **WNONK** to all men. The Lord is at hand". (Philippians 4:5)
2. _____: "with all lowliness and gentleness, with **NILEFGORGUSUFN**, bearing with one another in love". (Ephesians 4:2)
3. _____: "A soft answer turns away **TRAWH**, but a harsh word stirs up anger". (Proverbs 15:1)
4. _____: "But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue **IHERNOSGSTEUS**, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness". (1 Timothy 6:11)
5. _____: "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a **RSHAH**, word stirs up anger". (Proverbs 15:1)

Answers: Known: longuffering; wrath; righteousness, harsh



Newsletter deadline for August 2024 is July 19th
 EMAIL US AT:
bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org
 Remember to limit your words to 175 & have your information in by the 20th of each month.



ACP's will be ready to pick up at this meeting !!!!

July 11th @ 6:30 p.m.
Cherry Corner Baptist Church
850 Cherry Corner Road
Murray KY

Blood River Review

JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



July Pastor's Prayer Times

12th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
 19th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
 26th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

July, 2024

4th		Happy 4th of July (Office Closed)
5th		4th of July Holiday (Office Closed)
7th		Religious Liberty Sunday
10th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
11th	6:30 p.m.	Quarterly Executive Board Mtg @ Cherry Corner
12th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
16th	5:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
17th	12:00 noon	Pastor's Luncheon @ Bad Bob's BBQ in Murray
19th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
22nd	7:00 p.m.	WMU Quarterly Meeting @ Salem Baptist
26th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

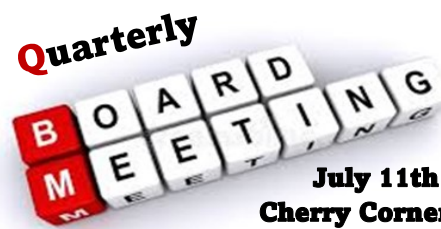
August, 2024 (add to your calendar)

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
10th	6:00 p.m.	Deacon/Pastor/Wife Dinner @ 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



Office Closed July 4th & 5th

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance." Psalm 33:12



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July 11th @ 6:30 p.m.
 Cherry Corner Baptist Church
 850 Cherry Corner Road
 Murray KY

Pastor's
LET'S DO LUNCH



July 17th @ 12:00 noon
 Bad Bob's BBQ
 Murray KY



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Hazel

We are off to an Amazing Jungle Journey as we begin Vacation Bible School this week (June 16-21). Our mission offering will go to Foundations Community Academy. We want to especially welcome to our church family, by baptism, Issy Thornton. We have been blessed beyond measure by God's mercy and grace. Coming up on July 20th, we will have a full day of community service and our back-to-school bash. The back-to-school bash will be from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Prayers for our sister churches, especially those searching for pastors. God's blessings on you all.

New Bethel

Here at New Bethel on Saturday June 8th, our Summer Kickoff got the Summer and our VBS off to a great start, with Inflatable Water Slides, Games, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Snow Cones and KIDS! Then our VBS (SCUBA, Diving Into Friendship With God), started Sunday night June 9th thru Wednesday night June 12th and it was a BLAST, with a bunch of great kids, catchy sing-a-long music videos, great food, wonderful decorations (it was almost like being under the sea or in an aquarium), bible stories, bible characters, videos, games and a lot of great people helping out, including our Youth Group. The offering collected was almost \$270.00, and will be donated to our area Special Olympics. On Tuesday June 11th, our Young at Heart Seniors met a Parcell's Deli in Draffenville for their monthly outing and had a great time. On Sunday morning June 16th, before SS, we had Donuts and Coffee to celebrate Father's Day. It's great to have Brother Beau, wife Lacey and kids Hastings and Anderson here at New Bethel!

Salem

Salem Baptist had another precious soul saved Sunday, June 16th. Praise His Holy Name! We had 24 students enrolled with 16 workers for "Breaker Rock Beach" VBS. "God's truth never changes" was our theme. We were blessed with new workers stepping up to assist in filling roles needed in assistant teaching, leading crafts, and leading recreation. We appreciate everyone who participated with VBS. We recognized and celebrated all fathers on Father's Day with Tyler Murdock as our youngest father in attendance, and Bro. Ferrel Miller as the father with the most experience. On Monday, July 22 at 7 p.m. we will hold the WMU Quarterly meeting at Salem. All are invited to join us.

We are considering ideas a summer trip with the youth and anyone who wishes to attend for some fun activities and fellowship. We are planning an August Back To School night, also. Come see us! Prayers for our sister churches, especially those without pastors.

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:2 KJV

Sugar Creek

Summer is here and we have had a great start. We had a wonderful Father's Day Sunday morning service. We had 3 people come forward and join the church. We praise God for our growing Sugar Creek family. Our cruise in is weekend of June 22nd, we are looking forward to fellowship with our community. We are also planning our Family Fun day coming up this summer. More information to come, check out our Facebook page for more information. We have been blessed here at Sugar Creek and we are so thankful for God's love. We hope you can come visit us soon. "Church is not something you go to, it's a family you belong to."

Bags of Hope Pantry list for JULY

Altona--instant potatoes & vienna sausage
 Bethel--peanut butter & black eyed peas
 Bethlehem--saltine crackers & canned potatoes
 Briensburg--black eyed peas & canned pinto beans
 Cherry Corner--spaghetti noodles & mac-n-cheese
 Elva--ravioli & mixed vegetables
 Flint--chili & bars of soap
 Gilbertsville- cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
 Grace--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
 Hamlet--vienna sausage & bars of soap
 Hazel--dry white northern beans & canned tomatoes
 Holly Hills--pancake syrup & jiffy corn muffin mix
 Kirksey--ravioli & mac-n-cheese
 Lakeview--saltine crackers & vienna sausage
 Ledbetter--ramen noodles & chili
 Locust Grove--chili & saltine crackers
 Memorial--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
 New Bethel--pork-n-beans & black eyed peas
 New Harmony--beef stew & canned potatoes
 New Zion--beef stew & jiffy corn muffin mix
 Northside--pancake mix & black eyed peas
 Oak Grove--canned chicken & canned white beans
 Olive--peanut butter & canned tomatoes
 Owens Chapel--saltine crackers & beef stew
 Pleasant Hope--saltine crackers & spam
 Salem--pancake syrup & canned potatoes
 Sinking Springs--soup & canned potatoes
 Spring Creek--ramen noodles & vienna sausage
 Sugar Creek--vienna sausage & mixed vegetables
 Union Ridge--pancake mix & saltine crackers
 West Fork--dry white northern beans & jiffy corn muffin mix

Bags of Hope Ministry

In May we were able to help **254** people, **29** of those were new. We gave out **3,537** food items, **85** bread, and **185** personal hygiene items. 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.

Bags of Hope

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

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

2 Corinthians 3:17