

Mark's Memos:

After a couple of months of extremely high covid-19 cases and a couple of weeks of rough winter weather, the snow and ice has finally melted and the Covid-19 positivity rate across Kentucky has declined for the past six weeks. So, I am looking forward to meeting with our Pastors and Mission Board Members on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at Owens Chapel Baptist Church for our monthly meeting.

The **Gospel To Every Home Initiative** of the Kentucky Baptist Convention has a goal of taking a copy of the Jesus Video and other Christian materials to the 1.7 million households in the Commonwealth. The Evangelism Committee and I set aside the four Saturday's in March to begin distributing GTEH bags to the homes of Marshall and Calloway Counties. If you would like volunteer to participate in this evangelism effort feel free to contact me at 270-437-4203 and I will do what I can to assign you to a participating church.

While our calendar suggests the distribution occur during the hours of 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on those Saturday's in March, each individual, and individual church has the liberty to distribute the items at their convenience. Participating Marshall County Churches can pick up their GTEH Bags at our offices. Participating Calloway County Churches need to call Bro. Kim Reeder, at Grace Baptist Church to schedule a time to receive their materials and assigned areas.

Also, I highly recommend participating churches and individuals begin prayerwalking or prayer driving their assigned areas the next few weeks. A Prayerwalking guide can be downloaded at the KBC website, <https://www.kybaptist.org/stories/training-resources,4208?> Pray that those receiving the materials will read them and view the video. Pray that they will be open to hearing the gospel; and pray that many will repent of their sins and trust Jesus as their personal LORD and Savior.

Serving Him Together,
Bro. Mark E. Sickling

**Newsletter deadline for April is
March 20, 2021**

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



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**Blood River Baptist Association
Board Meeting:
Owens Chapel Baptist Church
6504 Airport Road
Kirksey KY 42054
March 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**



March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, where he would be crucified five days later.

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.

News from Bags of Hope

In January we were able to help 78 families, 4 of which were new. We gave out 1859 food items, 405 bread and 78 personal hygiene items. We were able to share the gospel with 25 people.

Thank you for your continued support for this ministry. Please remember the volunteers in this ministry in prayer.

Thank you and God Bless

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Week of March 7-14, 2021

**UPCOMING
Events**

March 2021

- 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!!!
- 21st 1:00-4:00 p.m. Gospel to Every Home Distribution Church Planting Emphasis Sunday Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
- 27th 1:00-4:00 p.m. Gospel to Every Home Distribution
- 28th Palm Sunday

Coming in April 2021 - Mark Your Calendars

- 4th Easter - **He is Risen**
- 5th First Place Victory Celebration
- 7th 1:00 p.m. Budget/Finance Committee Meeting- BRBA
- 8th 6:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting at Bethel Baptist Church
- 14th 12:00 noon Minister's Luncheon & Fellowship at Tom's Grille, Murray
- 15th Tax Day
- 18th Southern Baptist Convention Seminaries Sunday
- 21st Administrative Professionals Day
- 25th Cooperative Program Sunday
- 26th 7:00 p.m. WMU Quarterly Meeting at Flint Baptist Church

Blood River Review

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Happy Birthday!

- 2nd Robin LaChance, Bethel BC
- 7th Melanie Day, Altona BC
- 7th John Bedwell, Spring Creek BC
- 11th Charles LaChance, Bethel BC
- 21st Bonnie Coffenberry, Hamlet BC
- 28th Leslie Miles, Northside BC
- 31st Doug Sanders, Bethlehem BC

Church Anniversaries

1st Sunday

- Dale Taylor, New Zion (2018)
- Brad Walker, Briensburg (2010)

3rd Sunday

- Van Russell, Pleasant Hope (2020)

Wedding Anniversaries

- 14th Jason & Donna Owen, Old Salem Road
- 18th Randy & Karen Kuykendall, West Fork
- 18th Brandon & Dakota Bramlett, Locust Grove
- 28th Mike & Alice Farmer, Vanzora
- 30th Duane & Carolyn Holland, Holly Hills



We are beginning to distribute the **Gospel To Every Home** this month. Please be in prayer for this mission that we can reach lost people. If you want to help please contact the Association office at 270-437-4203.




CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

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

March 17, 2021

Happy St. Patrick's Day

NEW BETHEL:

Here at New Bethel, we enjoyed a study of Psalm 23, and are now studying the Book of John, taught by our Interim Pastor Royce Dukes, who is also Preaching the Word of God, with Messages that God has laid on his heart. We are back to having in-person Church Services at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Some of our Sunday School classes have also restarted at 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning. These Services can also be seen on Facebook. Our Pastor Search Committee is still searching for the Pastor that God has already picked out for us. Please Pray for Brother Royce, Brother Mark and Jackie, New Bethel, our Pastor Search Committee, 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.

Psalm 62:8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

BRIENSBURG:

Greetings from Briensburg Baptist Church. This month's ministry update is being written as snow covers much of our nation and certainly all of our mission field here in Marshall County. We had to cancel some services this month due to the dangerous condition of our parking lot and roads around the church. However, we are extremely excited to have launched our Gospel to Every Home campaign on Sunday, February 21. Along with all of you, our sister churches, we are excited about reaching the homes of every family around our churches. Our goal is not to simply reach our 1,500 homes, but rather to launch a lifestyle of personal evangelism in each member of our church family. We believe the Lord desires to bring about a revival in our lives, in our church, and in our community here in 2021. Our prayer is that all of you as our sister churches might join in this effort to take the Gospel to Every Home in 2021. Blessings in Christ as we minister together.

SUGAR CREEK:

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Joshua 1:9

God's love is never ending and never failing. We would love for you to join us for Sunday morning service at 9:30. If you would like to listen from your car, park in the parking lot between the church and pavilion and tune your radio to 96.1 FM or you can join us inside. If you join us inside, we ask you to wear a mask and social distance. Facebook live will be available during the service as well. Also, join us Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 inside or on Facebook live.

Nothing can change God's love for you.

SALEM:

Bro. George McAlpin has been bringing the message each Sunday as we continue to search for a Pastor. We appreciate he and Diane and their willingness to serve. We have had several guest speakers over the past few months, and we continue to pray for our Pastor Search Committee. Our Sunday morning service is held inside the church at 10:30 a.m., and our Wednesday night service is on our Facebook page, Salem Baptist Church, Murray, KY. The Ladies Prayer Group has been meeting most Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. We are social distancing and wearing masks. We appreciate Larry Callihan and Shannon Manning recording the Wednesday night message each week and posting it on Facebook. We continue to support Bags of Hope and appreciate all those that give and deliver the food to Hardin. We continue to pray for the sick in our church and in the community, those that have lost loved ones and those who are grieving. Bro. Mark came for a visit a few Sundays ago and brought our 2020 Annuals which was dedicated to Bro. Curtis Rice. We appreciate all the work that Bro. Mark does for the churches in the Blood River Baptist Association. God is so good to us each and every day.

