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Mark's Memos:

In Matthew 16:2-3, Jesus said, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' And in the morning, 'There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot discern the signs of the times?"

Brothers and sisters, these are certainly interesting, and in many respects disturbing times. But, make no mistake about it, God is still on His throne and He and His Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ are still at work in our world and are still seeking a relationship with the lost.

While things are certainly not back to "normal" in our churches or our society, I have seen a few signs that things are beginning to return to pre-covid living:

1. Three of our churches held or are holding Spring Revivals.
2. One of our churches borrowed our vans for a trip to Lamberts.
3. More and more churches are loosening restrictions and reopening SS; Sunday night worship; and Wednesday night services.
4. Several Churches have scheduled VBS for this summer.
5. Churches are planning Summer Camp Experiences for children/youth.

Honestly, things may never be "normal" again...and perhaps we shouldn't expect or want them to be. God would never want us to be "content" or "complacent" with the status quo but would want us to be on mission with Him seeking the lost. Several of our churches are actively doing that through the Gospel To Every Home initiative of the KBC and I am grateful for their participation in this statewide evangelism effort.

With the coming of spring, it is time to begin planning our annual Men's Golf Tournament. This year's tournament will be played at Miller Memorial Golf Course in Murray, on Saturday, June 6, 2021, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person. I look forward to this annual fellowship and hope we have a dozen churches represented this year. For more information, or to sign up for the tournament, please contact me at 270-437-4203 or director@bloodriverassoc.org.

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark E. Sickling



Bags of Hope Pantry list for May

- Altona**—canned fruit & canned chicken
- Bethel**—beef stew & canned carrots
- Bethlehem**—beef tamales & ramen noodles
- Briensburg**—chicken-n-dumplings & mixed veg
- Cherry Corner**—pancake mix & bars of soap
- Elva**—soup & canned tomatoes
- Flint**—spam & bars of soap
- Gilbertsville**—beef stew & canned potatoes
- Grace**—pancake syrup & canned butter beans
- Hamlet**—pancake mix & canned carrots
- Hazel**—beef stew & canned potatoes
- Holly Hills**—canned fruit & canned black eyed peas
- Kirksey**—soup & vienna sausage
- Lakeview**—beef tamales & canned potatoes
- Locust Grove**—pancake syrup & canned tomatoes
- Memorial**—beef stew & canned carrots
- New Bethel**—spam & bars of soap
- New Harmony**—canned chicken & peanut butter
- New Zion**—pancake syrup & ramen noodles
- Northside**—chicken-n-dumplings & canned tomatoes
- Oak Grove**—canned chicken & canned carrots
- Olive**—spam & mixed vegetables
- Owens Chapel**—canned chicken & canned black eyed peas
- Pleasant Hope**—soup & ramen noodles
- Salem**—dry black eyed peas & vienna sausage
- Sinking Springs**—canned fruit & bars of soap
- Spring Creek**—soup & canned butter beans
- Sugar Creek**—canned butter beans & vienna sausage
- Union Ridge**—canned fruit & ramen noodles



UPCOMING Events

<u>May 2021 -</u>		
2 nd	4:30 p.m.	First Place Orientation/Memorial BC
2 nd		Senior Adult Sunday
3 rd	6:00 p.m.	First Place Orientation/BRBA
6 th		National Day of Prayer
9 th		Happy Mother's Day
9 th - 16 th		Christian Home Week
13 th		NO Executive Board Meeting
15 th		Armed Forces Day
16 th	4:15 p.m.	First Place Meets Weekly/Memorial
17 th	5:00 p.m.	First Place Meets Weekly/location TBA
17 th		Tax Deadline (Extended)
31 st		Memorial Day
<u>Coming in June 2021 - Mark your calendar</u>		
5 th	8:00 a.m.	Men's Golf Tournament/Miller Memorial Golf Course - Must Register
6 th		Day of Prayer for the persecuted church
9 th		NO Budget/Finance Committee Mtg
10 th		NO Executive Board Meeting
10 th - 12 th		Jerusalem Project
14 th		Flag Day
15 th - 16 th		South Baptist Convention / Nashville TN
20 th		Father's Day
20 th		Baptist Men's Day
21 st		First Day of Summer
27 th		Mission Dignity Sunday

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

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

2021 Men's Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 5, 2021 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
 Miller Memorial Golf Course
 Cost \$40/person
 For more information or to sign up call the Association office at 270-437-4203

Deadline to register is June 3.



Blood River Baptist Association Board Meeting:

Cancelled for May 2021 due to AMS Leadership Advance Conference



Newsletter deadline for June is

May 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.

Blood River Review

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



- 10th Beverly Dukes, New Bethel
- 11th Hailey Roach, Hazel
- 14th Donna Owen, Old Salem Road
- 22nd Scott Penick, New Harmony
- 23rd Ann Salmon, Coldwater
- 24th Royce Dukes, New Bethel
- 25th Mae Cope, Flint
- 27th Damian Alvarez, El Manantial
- 29th Joseph Day, Altona



- 18th Dale & Bernice Taylor, New Zion
- 24th Glenn & Mae Cope, Flint

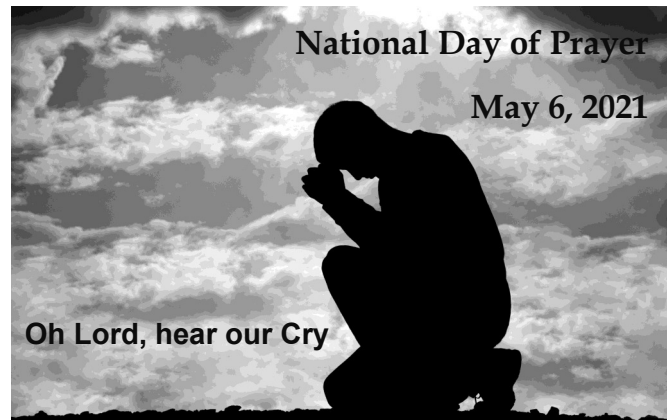
Church Anniversaries

1st Sunday

Chris Moore, Sharpe (2008)

Remember in Prayer:

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



News from Bags of Hope

In March we were able to help 75 families, 9 were new families. We gave out 1859 food items, 369 bread, and 75 hygiene items. We were able to share the gospel with 25 people this month.

We want to thank you for your continued support for this ministry. Without your support this ministry would not be possible.

Please remember the volunteers in prayer.

Thank You
God Bless

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.

Please remember to pray for our country and leaders.



HAZEL:

We are excited to be getting ready for our Revival which starts Sunday, April 25 and goes through Wednesday, the 28th. Bro. Kara Blackard, from Corinth, MS, will be our evangelist with services being on Sunday at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm and Monday through

Wednesday at 7:00 pm. If you haven't heard Bro. Blackard, we would invite everyone to come and hear him reveal God's Word. We are already experiencing revival welcoming Noelle Raspberry, Hannah Hendrick, Gabriel Roach, Brooklyn Drummond and Annebelle Mohler into our fellowship on profession of faith and by letter Sheri West Patterson. Our Friends and Family Day will be Sunday, May 16th and at this time we will be honoring our high school graduates, Kanyon Frost and Korey Knight. We are also proud of our college graduates, Hailey Roach and Austin Shelton. God has been so good to Hazel Baptist and He gets all the glory for the great things He has done. God blessings to all is our prayer!!

SALEM:

We have a lot of reasons to be thankful. The Lord has blessed us with a beautiful spring and plenty of rain. We are blessed to have members back in church who have been out with serious health issues the past year. We rejoice over new babies in our fellowship. We shout over being able to restart Sunday School. The Lord blessed us with a good crowd on Easter Sunday, and the children enjoyed an egg hunt after the service. Their baskets were overflowing! Bro. George brought the Resurrection message and continues to bless us each Sunday with messages from the Lord. On March 28, which was our first Sunday to resume Sunday School, we also observed the Lord's Supper with the prepackaged cups. WMU has resumed our monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Our Pastor Search Committee continues to search for a Pastor. We continue to thank the Lord for putting a hedge of protection around us so that our church family can continue meeting and worshipping.

Prayer is our



Wireless connection to God.

Reminder:

- NO Budget/Finance Committee Meeting, May 9th
- And
- NO Executive Board Meeting, May 10th

SUGAR CREEK:

For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. (Luke 12:30-31)

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter celebrating our risen Savior. We have been truly blessed at SCBC, even during these different times we are so thankful for all of our members who continue coming to hear God's word inside the building, in the parking lot, or on Facebook live. Brother Phillip is faithful in sharing what God has laid on his heart to share with us each Sunday morning at 9:30 and Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 6:00. We would love to have you join us, all services are on Facebook live. We ask that you wear a mask until you are seated and the service has started.

BRIENSBURG:

Greetings from Briensburg Baptist Church. Spring is certainly upon us with all of its beauty and promise of new life. That is the feeling around Briensburg this past month. Great excitement about the future and the promise of new opportunities in ministry. Our Easter celebrations allowed us to reach many of the new families that we have been visiting with the Gospel To Every Home campaign. Easter Sunday saw us have our largest worship attendance since the pandemic interrupted our regular routine. As this is being written we are in the midst of Revival with Bro. Kenny Rager bringing the messages. Plans for mission trips, camps, and VBS this Summer are well underway, and we are excited about the lives that will be changed for eternity during the coming weeks of missions and ministry. Blessings in Christ as minister together.



Anyone interested in going on a Mission trip this summer contact Bro. Mark Sickling at 270-437-4203



Tax deadline has been extended until May 17, 2021