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Blood River Baptist Association
Board Meeting
 Holly Hills, Calvert City, KY
 June 11, 2020
 6:30 p.m.

Mark's Memos

As I sit to compose this month's newsletter article, our world remains in a state of limbo. Hundreds of Thousands of individuals throughout our nation have been infected by the Coronavirus and to date nearly 50,000 have died. Our healthcare workers; teachers; parents; and first responders and many others are stressed out. Furthermore, the shut-down put in place by our government leaders to protect us from getting Covid-19 ourselves, has plunged our nation into an economic recession and cost hundreds of thousands of Americans their jobs.

Many people believe this Covid-19 crisis has forever changed our way of life in this nation. Most Christian leaders and pastors are suggesting that when churches are given the "green light" to meet together again, things will be different. Many believe churches will be forced to alter the way they do their "greeting time," "the offering", "The Lord's Supper," and even "door greeters."

While there is no doubt that the Covid-19 crisis has forever changed life in our nation, all is not negative. I have been encouraged to see more of my neighbors walking in our neighborhood; parents and children playing in the yard; and pastors and churches seeking new avenues to communicate the gospel and worship using technology.

It is my hope and prayer that our churches will soon be back worshipping our LORD in person gathered together as the Word of God encourages us in Hebrews 10:25. But, as we wait for that day, we must also prepare and plan for how we will re-open our churches. We must decide whether we will simply go back to the way we were doing things, or will we gradually introduce small groups, mid-week services, youth groups, etc. So, I encourage our pastors and leaders within our churches to begin discussing how your church will "operate" when we are cleared to meet together again for worship.

As I close, I want to share a verse of Scripture with you. King Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 1:9, ***"that which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be don. So, there is nothing new under the sun."***

Friends, the Scriptures, as well as, history books are full of examples of various plagues that ravaged the earth. I don't know why this Covid-19 crisis has occurred, but I know this, God is at work in this world, and it is our responsibility to discover what He is doing and seek to join Him in His work.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark



May 21, 2020

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Remember to limit your words to 175

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Elva	Oak Grove
New Mt. Carmel	Opportunity Church
Sinking Spring	Salem



"For the earth will be filled with the Knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:4

**National Day of Prayer
 Drive-In Service**

Thursday, May 7, 2020

At 6:00 p.m.

Kentucky Dam Village

Marina

MUST STAY IN CAR!

**UPCOMING
 Events**

May

3 rd		Senior Adult Day
7 th	6:00 pm	National Day of Prayer Service
10 th		Mother's Day
11 th	6:30 pm	20 EV 20 Evangelism Virtually Training Event
14 th	Postponed	Mission Board Mtg
10 th -19 th		Christian Home Week
12 th	Postponed	Finance Committee at BRBA
16 th		Armed Forces Day
19 th	Postponed	Nominating Co. at BRBA
25 th		Memorial Day (Office Closed)
28 th -30 th	Postponed	Jerusalem Project

June

6 th	8:00 am	BRBA Golf Tournament @ Miller Golf Course in Murray, KY
11 th	6:30 pm	Mission Board at Holly Hills
14 th		Flag Day
14 th -20 th		Possible Mission trip to Lynch???
20 th		First Day of summer
21 st		Father's Day
28 th		Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday
28 th		Mission Dignity Sunday

Blood River Review

May 2020 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

May



- 10th Beverly Dukes
- 11th Hailey Roach
- 22nd Scott Penick
- 25th Mae Cope
- 27th Damian Alvarez
- 29th Joseph Day



“Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own praise her in the gates.”

- Proverbs 31:31

Happy Anniversary

- 18th Dale and Bernice Taylor, New Zion
- 24th Glenn and Mae Cope (1962), Flint
- 27th Mark and Jackie Thweatt (1978), New Bethel

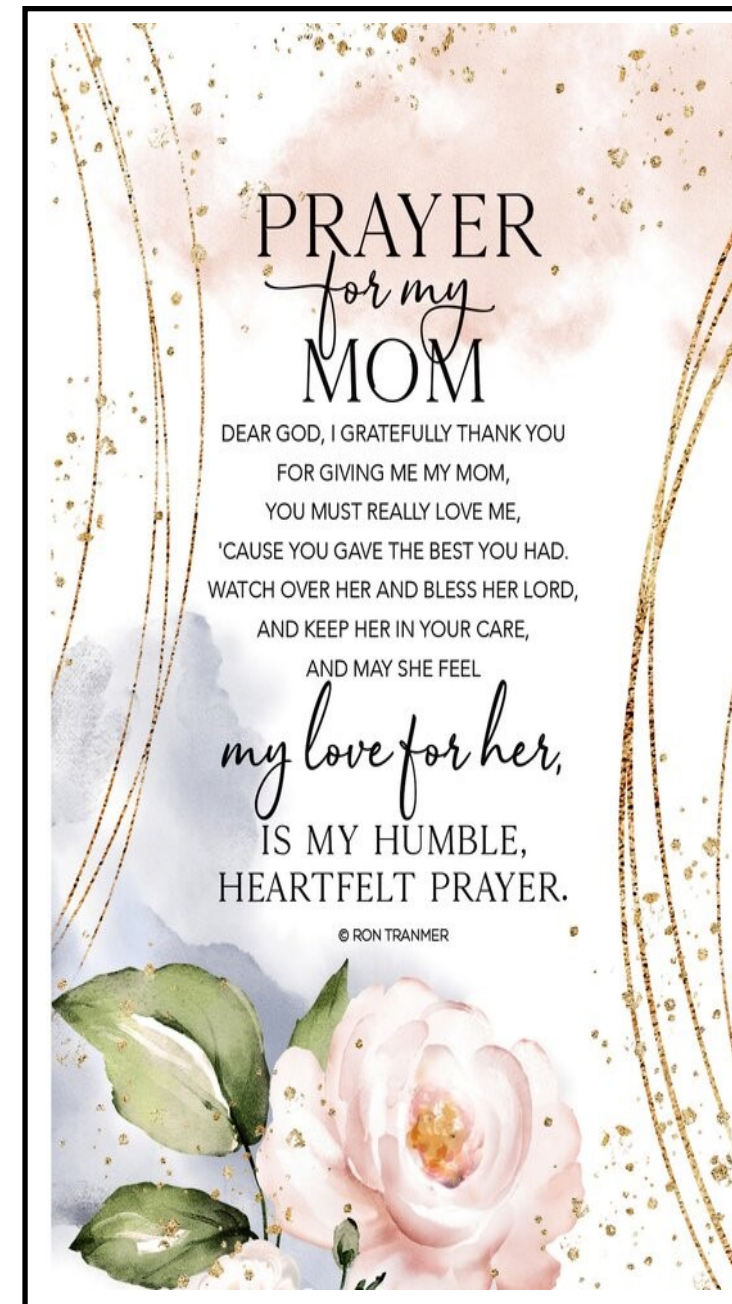
Church Anniversary

First Sunday

Bro. Chris Moore (2008), Sharpe

Second Sunday

Bro. Van Russell (2017), Kirksey



PRAYER for my MOM

DEAR GOD, I GRATEFULLY THANK YOU
FOR GIVING ME MY MOM,
YOU MUST REALLY LOVE ME,
'CAUSE YOU GAVE THE BEST YOU HAD.
WATCH OVER HER AND BLESS HER LORD,
AND KEEP HER IN YOUR CARE,
AND MAY SHE FEEL

my love for her,
IS MY HUMBLE,
HEARTFELT PRAYER.

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Evangelism Virtually
May 11, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
www.bloodriverassoc.org

- Featuring a message from Dr. Kenny Rager, KBC
- Breakout Sessions demonstrating Evangecube; 3 Circles; Steps to Peace with God & other evangelism tools.

Notes from the Food Pantry

In March we were able to help 127 families, 15 of which were new. We gave out 3269 food items, 394 bread, and 171 hygiene items.

We want to thank everyone for your continued support. We are asking for more food donations as we are staying open through this trying time and can use all the donations we can get. We also need prayers for the volunteers that are working during this time.

Thank You

Worried about the coronavirus?

Go to www.kybaptist.org for a whole host of resources on the coronavirus designed to assist you and your church.

New Bethel Baptist Church on Mayfield Hwy Benton, Ky is in need of Music minister. If interested call Bro. Mark Thweatt at (270) 703-6375

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.