



Bring the spirit of Thanksgiving to local families

Bags of Hope is asking our churches to assist them in providing **100** Thanksgiving Baskets to local families this Thanksgiving! Each church is asked to donate at least one frozen 15 -20 lb. turkey!

**Deadline: November 9<sup>th</sup>**

Turkeys can be dropped off at Blood River Baptist Association Monday – Friday 9:00 – 4:00 p.m. or Bags of Hope on Monday or Thursday 1:00 -5:00 p.m.



To all **Veterans**,  
living and deceased, thank you for your service and sacrifices so that we can live in a free country.

# UPCOMING Events

## November 2020

- 1<sup>st</sup> Freeda Harris toys due back to Churches
- 1<sup>st</sup> Orphans & Widows Sunday
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Election Day (Office Closed)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Freeda Harris Toys due to Associational Office
- 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Pack toys for Freeda Harris
- 8<sup>th</sup> Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> KBC Owensboro Bellevue Baptist
- 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Executive Board Mtg at Vanzora BC
- 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Prayer & Missions study or IMB & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

## December 2020

- 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg at BRBA
- 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Executive Board Mtg at Sharpe BC
- 18<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> Christmas Holiday - Office Closed
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve

## January 2021

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

# Blood River Review

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- 17<sup>th</sup> Joan Culp, Jr., Pleasant Valley BC
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Brett Miles, Northside BC
- 29<sup>th</sup> Alice Farmer, Vanzora BC

## Happy Anniversary

- 1<sup>st</sup> Johnny & Bonnie Coffenberry, Hamlet BC
- 26<sup>th</sup> Van & Barbara Russell, Pleasant Hope BC



### Second Sunday:

- Bro. Brandon Bramlett, Locust Grove BC
- Bro. James Stom, Owens Chapel BC

### Fourth Sunday:

- Bro. C. C. Brasher, Oak Level BC

### CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Elva	Oak Grove	Salem
New Mt. Carmel	Cherry Corner	

### FREE PPE!

Personal Protective Equipment  
Liquid Sanitizer: Each church may fill 2 spray bottles per week until the supply is gone.

Individually wrapped cloth masks: BRBA has received 1500 cloth masks from the KBC Disaster Relief. The masks are wrapped in packs of (5). Limit 6 packs per church.



Freeda Harris Toy's  
**DUE AT BRBA on Nov. 4**

New Toys: \$10-\$12 for Boys & Girls 6 mon.-16 yrs.

**Do not wrap**

Wrapping paper & supplies accepted  
18x16x18 Medium Moving boxes needed



Welcome

To our New Administrative Assistant  
**Ms. Terry Laster**

Terry moved to Calloway County with her family in 1995 from Logan County, Kentucky. She is a 1977 graduate of Auburn High School; a 2017 graduate of Ashford University with a bachelor's in business administration.

Terry has two grown children: Michael Laster and Dana Crass (husband Robert); and 3 grandchildren: Troy Crass, Hayden Crass and Aaron Laster. She is a member of Sugar Creek Baptist Church.

Terry enjoys spending time with her family and working around her home. Prior to Terry coming to Blood River Baptist Association in October 2020, Terry worked at Calloway County Schools for 18 years and as a Military Family Assistant Specialist for 7 years. She feels very blessed to have the opportunity to work with the Association.

## 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

### Notes from the Food Pantry

In September we were able to help 95 families 14 were new. We gave out 2,304 food items and 238 bread and 97 hygiene items. Our counselors also shared the gospel with 36 people in September. We want to thank you for your continued support for this ministry, without it we could not be so successful.

**We are asking the churches to help us with turkeys for Thanksgiving baskets, the turkeys need to be at the Bags of Hope pantry no later than November 12th.**

**SALEM:** Our hearts are saddened by the recent death of our Pastor, Bro. Curtis Rice, on October 8. He and Marlene have been ministering at Salem since June of 2018 when he became our Interim Pastor. Bro. Curtis has blessed us with good sermons and messages that the Lord has laid on his heart. This year during the pandemic he was committed to bringing the message to us through broadcasting to the parking lot and also weekly messages on Facebook. Bro. Curtis has blessed us with a dedication and commitment to preaching the Word. He once said he liked to preach better than eating. That says it all about him and his relationship with the Lord. Bro. Curtis loved the Lord, and he loved his family. Bro. Curtis, we will miss you at Salem Baptist Church, but we know you are rejoicing in heaven. We continue to pay for Marlene and family.

We are currently having a 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday, wearing masks, and social distancing. We are using our hymn books and singing praises to the Lord. Our Ladies Prayer Group meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:00, and WMU is meeting on the first Wednesday night at 6:30 in our activity building, all with social distancing. We are trusting God in this pandemic and praying it will be over soon. We are praying our church services can return to normal, our fellowship meals, hugs and handshakes will return without putting anyone in danger.



**NEW BETHEL:** Here at New Bethel, we are having our Sunday School Classes in-person at 9:15 a.m. and then in-person Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, along with in-person Bible Study at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday night. Both of these services and the Sunday Night Service will also be broadcast on Facebook. We are having a good number of folks in attendance. We are participating in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Shoe Box Ministry and we are also making Christmas Bags for our Homebound Folks. We are also participating in Marshall County Family Week October 12th–October 18th, with a different activity for each night of the week. Please continue to pray for our Churches, Pastors and their Families, our Country, our State, Marshall County and our School System Faculty, Staff and Students. Pray for a fair Election and VOTE!

**John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

**SUGAR CREEK:** After much prayer, we have decided to begin a dual service on Sunday morning, October 18th. We will have drive up service at 9:30 a.m., you can bring a lawn chair and sit outside if you would like. At 10:15 we will have an inside service, **mask are required** (we will have mask available for you if needed) and **social distancing will be practiced.** We will have a Facebook live feed of the 10:15 service. Our Sunday and Wednesday night services will continue to be outside at 6:00pm. We would love to have you join us at Sugar Creek Baptist Church.

*Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing.*

**In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

**HAZEL BAPTIST:** We've been busy at HBC even through the pandemic. We opened with masks and social distancing and our numbers are continuing to rise. We are still providing our services on Facebook each Sunday morning for those who are concerned about health issues. Bro. Jordan and Mrs. Hailey continue to serve faithfully, leading us to be faithful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Plans are being made for our Spring Revival, April 25-28, 2021, with Bro. Kara Blackard. October 18<sup>th</sup> we had Old Fashioned Sunday and a picnic outside with each family social distancing. Our Wednesday services consist of children and youth in the Family Life Center. Currently, we are having around 35 children and youth that members feed. Our Activities Committee has planned to give out trick or treat bags on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> to each child & youth present. Yes, this is a time when we should be on our knees thanking God for our blessings and asking Him to heal our land as 2 Chronicles 7:14 instructs us to do.

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**Blood River Baptist Association  
Board Meeting:  
Vanzora Baptist Church  
1981 Vanzora Church Rd.  
Benton KY 42025  
November 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

## Mark's Memos:

The deadline for your church to bring your Freeda Harris Christmas toys is November 4. Please bring new unwrapped \$10-\$12 toys for 6 month to 16 year old's to our office by November 4. Toys will be packed on November 5, at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to help pack up the toys, we would welcome your assistance. When I talked to him earlier in the year, Richard Greene, the director of the Freeda Harris Center told me, "Mark, if it wasn't for Blood River Baptist Association, many of these mountain kids would not have had anything to open on Christmas morning last year." So, in advance, thank you for sharing the love of Christ with these children.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention will be held at Bellevue Baptist Church, in Owensboro, on November 9-10. The pastors conference will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> and the convention on the 10<sup>th</sup>. All messengers are required to preregister on-line this year. For more information go to <https://www.kybaptist.org/stories/messenger-pre-registration.3007/p/stories/2020-kbc-annual-meeting.4223>. Also, messengers will be required to wear a mask, answer health-related questions, and undergo a temperature check as they enter Bellevue Baptist Church.

I appreciate those who have volunteered their time to come to the office and pack Gospel To Every Home bags the past few months. We have several thousand bags assembled but have several thousand more to do. So, if you would like to volunteer a few hours of your time to work on these Gospel to Every Home bags just call the office and tell us when you are coming.

Our 2020 Annual Meeting is in the books. I appreciate New Harmony Baptist Church and Northside Baptist Church allowing us to meet in your facilities. The messengers approved the 2021 Budget and approved a constitutional amendment to change the date of the annual meeting to the "Monday after the second Sunday in October." The 2021 Annual Meeting of Blood River Baptist Association will thus be held at Lakeview Baptist Church beginning at 1:30 p.m. The second session will be held at Memorial Baptist Church at 5:30 p.m.

Please continue to remember Mrs. Marlene Rice and Salem Baptist Church in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Bro. Curtis.

Finally, Bags of Hope's goal is to provide 100 Thanksgiving Baskets for families in our area this year. They are asking each church to provide at least one turkey. Those turkeys can either be dropped off at our offices in Hardin or at Bags of Hope. But, please call before coming to drop off your turkey, to ensure that someone will be in the office to receive it.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark



November 20, 2020

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Remember to limit your words to 175 & have your information in by the 21<sup>ST</sup> of each month.