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Mark's Memo:

As we approach the holiday season, things get busier and busier for most of us. If you go to Walmart, or any other store you will see Christmas decorations are already out and Amazon and other on-line retailers have announced several holiday shopping days. Unfortunately, the increased length of the Christmas Shopping Season, as well as the commercialization of the Christmas holiday is taking away from an important American Holiday: THANKSGIVING!

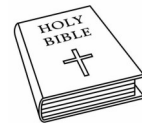
Brothers and sisters, Thanksgiving is much more than eating turkey and watching football. We have so much to be thankful for. For example:

I Thank God For:

- The **Transformation** Jesus has brought about in my life.
- The **Home** God is preparing for me in Heaven.
- The **Atonement** Jesus made for me on the Cross of Calvary.
- The **New** life I have through Jesus Christ.
- The **Knowledge** He gives me through His Word.
- The **Spirit** of God that leads and guides me every day.
- The **Grace** of God that is greater than my sin.
- The **Identity** I have as an adopted son of the King of Kings.
- The **Victory** I will one day have over death because of Christ.
- The **Inheritance** I will obtain as an adopted son of Almighty God.
- The **Never-ending** love of God.
- The **Gifts** God continually showers upon me.

I hope and pray you and yours have a great Thanksgiving!

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark Sickling



In every thing give thanks:
 for this is the will of God in
 Christ Jesus concerning
 you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Blood River Baptist Association
 Pastor's/Board Members/Wives
 Christmas Dinner
 December 8, 2022
 At BRBA Office at 6:30 p.m.
RSVP by December 5th
(270) 437-4203

Bags of Hope Pantry list for NOVEMBER

- Altona--cereal & iffy corn muffin mix
- Bethel--beef stew & canned tomatoes
- Bethlehem--tamales & indiv pudding cups
- Briensburg--instant potatoes & indiv bags of chips
- Cherry Corner--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Elva--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Flint--butterbeans & canned tomatoes
- Gilbertsville-- rice (1 lb. bag) & saltine crackers
- Grace--hamburger helper & canned tomatoes
- Hamlet--butter beans & vienna sausage
- Hazel--instant potatoes & indiv pudding cups
- Holly Hills--chicken-n-dumplings & canned potatoes
- Kirksey--chili & canned potatoes
- Lakeview--spam & indiv pack chips
- Locust Grove--pancake mix & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Memorial--dry red beans & pancake mix
- New Bethel--instant potatoes & canned tomatoes
- New Harmony--canned tomatoes & saltine crackers
- New Zion--pancake mix & saltine crackers
- Northside--beef stew & canned potatoes
- Oak Grove--tamales & canned tomatoes
- Olive--pancake mix & bars of soap
- Owens Chapel--chicken-n-dumplings & saltine crackers
- Pleasant Hope--spaghetti sauce (no glass jars please) & indiv bags chips
- Salem--hamburger helper & jiffy corn muffin mx
- Sinkings Springs--dry red beans & spaghetti sauce (no glass jars please)
- Spring Creek--canned potatoes & vienna sausage
- Sugar Creek--spam & canned tomatoes
- Union Ridge--instant potatoes & spaghetti sauce (no glass jars please)
- West Fork--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix

Bags of Hope Ministry

In September we were able to help **307** people, **34** of those were new. We gave out **3,041** food items, **311** bread, and **116** personal hygiene items. We were able to share the gospel with **33** people. Praise the Lord, we had **2** come to know Christ as their Savior.

Thank you for your continued support for this ministry. Without your support we could not do this ministry.

Remember the volunteers in prayer.

Thank you and God Bless.

Bags of Hope

Hours for Food & Clothing: Monday & Thursday 2-5 pm
 Food donations can still be donated at the Association Office
 Monday- Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm if more convenient.
 Phone: 270-252-9266

Churches Currently without Pastors

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Bethlehem | Oak Grove |
| Elva | Oak Level |
| Lakeview | Pleasant Valley |
| New Mt. Carmel | Spring Creek |
| New Providence | |

How many days & nights did it rain to create the great Flood? (Gen. 7:12)

- o365
- o150
- o40
- o7

Answer: 40

Walnut Street Baptist Church of Benton KY is seeking a Senior Pastor. Anyone interested in this position should submit a professional resume to P O Box 461, Benton KY 42025 or send it email to walnutstreetb1605@gmail.com. Deadline is November 15, 2022.

All About Thanksgiving



A Festive Word Search Puzzle

S V S Y D C R G N I F F U T S
 L M J L M S L U F K N A H T S
 P K A W L E K O S R D C F X T
 I P H Y C O W B D T R E P S R
 E U W R E T R C M D E L L Y E
 M M K O G A O J U N S E T E S
 U P N M U T U A R X S B W L S
 D K T S O O X F A R I R F S E
 Y I L Z P P K M D P N A Q G D
 Q N S M I R G L I P G T S T E
 I D X W T T U R K E Y I R E I
 X I N D I N N E R L H O D V Z
 K A J Q C R S N T X C N N Y G
 M N K R E W O L F Y A M W T C
 D S M H X I Y L I M A F L E C

turkey
 stuffing
 dressing
 yams
 potatoes
 rolls

dinner
 pilgrims
 indians
 thankful
 mayflower
 pumpkin



pie
 desserts
 sweets
 family
 celebration
 autumn



Week of Prayer for IMB & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 4th - 11th, 2022



Our Leaders	Sister Churches	Our Youth
Our Country	Our Schools	The Sick
The Lost	Each Other	Missionaries
Our Pastors	Our Teachers	Ukraine
Churches without Pastors		

Newsletter deadline for December 2022 is

November 20th

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

November Birthdays

23rd Brett Miles, Northside
 29th Alice Farmer, Vanzora

Wedding Anniversaries

1st Johnny & Bonnie Coffenberry, Hamlet

Church Anniversaries

2nd Sunday

Brandon Bramlett, Locust Grove (2017)
 James Stom. Owens Chapel (1984)

November 6th
 Turn clocks
 back 1 hour

Veteran's Day, November 11
 Thank you to all who have
 served !!!!



Every **VOTE**
 Counts!

November 8th
 Election Day
 Get out and Vote !!!!

VOTE YES ON #2
 KY's ProLife Constitutional Amendment - NOVEMBER 8, 2022



November 2022		
2nd		Freeda Harris Toys due @ BRBA Office
3rd	9:00 a.m.	Freeda Harris Toys packed up @ BRBA
6th		Turn Clocks back 1 hour
6th		Day of prayer for Persecuted Church
8th		Election Day
9th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA
11th		Veteran's Day
13th		Orphans & Widows Sunday
15th		KY Baptist Convention - Bowling Green KY
24th		Thanksgiving Day
25th		Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)
Coming in December 2022		
4th - 11th		Week of Prayer for IMB/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
7th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA
8th	6:30 p.m.	Executive Board Mtg/Christmas Dinner @ BRBA (must RSVP)
19th - Jan. 3rd		Christmas Holidays - (Office Closed)
21st		First Day of Winter.... Burrrr
31st		New Year's Eve

Pastor's/Board Members/Wives
 Christmas Dinner
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 Catered by 4 Little Pigs
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Call (270) 437-4203

November 24th

Office Closed

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 is the will of God in Christ Jesus
 concerning you.
 1 Thessalonians 5:18



*****Office closed on Friday, November 25th*****

BRIENSBURG:

Greetings from Briensburg Baptist Church. The Lord blessed us richly during our Fall Revival, and we have candidates for believers' baptism in November. We encourage everyone to vote your Christian values on November 8th. On November 13th we will enjoy our annual Thanksgiving Celebration and OCC Shoebox Packing Party at 6 p.m. We are also hosting an OCC County Drop Off location from November 14th - 21st. We have countless blessings to be thankful for as a church family and as sister churches working together to reach his community for Christ. Blessings in Christ as we minister together.

FERGUSON SPRING:

Ferguson Spring Baptist Church held their annual October service on October 9th in Land Between The Lakes near the old Ferguson Spring Church home place. We were blessed with 63 in attendance who enjoyed singing, a sermon, a meal and good fellowship.

HAZEL:

We are anticipating a great day on October 30th as our Youth lead the worship service beginning at 10:30 AM. In the past, they have done an outstanding job and we are sure they will this time. We're also gearing up for the holiday season. On Sunday, December 4th we will have our Thanksgiving/Christmas meal following the morning worship service and at 6:00 PM we will have our Hanging of the Green service. Our Christmas cantata entitled "Breath of Heaven" will be presented on December 18th during the morning service. On December 24th we will have our Christmas Eve Service. Hazel Baptist has had a wonderful year and are anticipating nothing less in 2023. We've already started out the associational year with two new members. We are praising God for the great and mighty things He has done.

NEW BETHEL

Fall break week is over and we're glad that everyone had a great time. Here at New Bethel on Sunday, October 30th, our 10:00 morning service will be a "Worship With Song" service, with the Cope Family Band providing the music. Afterwards there will be a Fellowship meal in our FLC and then immediately after that we will be having a Fall Festival celebration. Anyone who wants to join us on this fun day is welcome! We just finished up the Freeda Harris Toy Drive with a lot of toys being donated by our folks, and now we're busy filling shoeboxes with toys and all kinds of supplies and goodies for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Ministry (Shoebox Ministry). Brother Royce continues to bless us with the messages God lays on his heart, and we have some very interesting Bible Studies on Sunday and Wednesday nights. Please keep our Kids, Schools, Churches, Pastors, Leaders and our Great Country in your Prayers.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
Romans 8:14

Who made the animal skin clothing for Adam & Eve? (Gen. 3:21)

- Eve
- Adam
- Angels
- God

Answer: God

The serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals that God had made. (Gen. 3:1)

- True
- False

Answer: True

SALEM:

We had a beautiful day on the 15th for our Trunk or Treat. Families enjoyed popcorn, candy, games, bouncy houses, hotdogs, chili and fellowship. We met new families, and the children had a great time! Our fall Jubilee is scheduled for October 23 through 28 with a different Evangelist each day. On Sunday we will also have a potluck meal at noon. Starting Sunday morning our Evangelists for the week will be Bro. Jerry Rollins, Bro. Daniel McKinney, Bro. James Martin, Bro. Brett Miles, Bro. Kyle McKinney, Bro. Marshall Ivey and Bro. Tim Ivey. "For Heavens Sake" will sing on Sunday night, and we will have special singing each service. Other events being planned for the youth is attending a corn maze in Mayfield, and our weekly "Food - Bible - Fun on Wednesday nights at 6:30. Our prayers go out to the Miller family as Carol Miller is now rejoicing with the Lord. Carol was a Deacon's wife, Organist, Sunday School teacher, prayer warrior in the Ladies Prayer Group and member of our Women's Missionary group. Carol blessed us many Sundays by bringing fresh flower arrangements to decorate the altar. Our hearts go out to Ferrel and her family.

"THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Romans 8:1

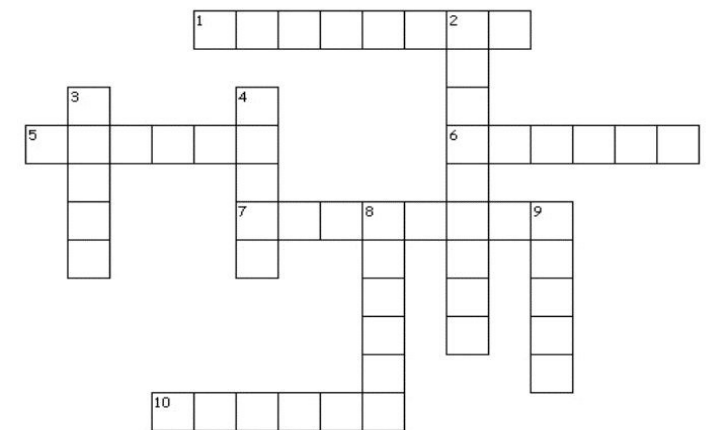
SUGAR CREEK:

It is the start of the busy time of year and we pray that everyone takes time to make lasting memories with family and friends. We will be having our annual Thanksgiving potluck, we would love to see you there. Date and time is to be determined, check our Facebook page for more information. Join us for our services each week, Sunday school at 8:45 a.m. service to follow at 9:30 a.m., Sunday and Wednesday evening service at 6:00 p.m.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalm 1:3

Thanksgiving Crossword



Across

1. people who have migrated to a different land from where they were born
5. reddish growth that covers the throat and neck of a turkey
6. a Thanksgiving time of year
7. fills up the bird and then fills up the people
10. main course at Thanksgiving supper

Down

2. another word for family members
3. another name for corn
4. a celebration including large quantities of food
8. people we visit on Thanksgiving
9. yummy sauce to pour over turkey

Word List: autumn, family, feast, gravy, maize, relatives, settlers, stuffing, turkey, wattle

