

Blood River Baptist Association
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**Blood River Baptist Association
 Board Meeting:**
**Will not meet due to the Annual Meeting
 on October 11, 2021**

Mark's Memos:

As I write this article, we are on the precipice of Fall. After the heat and humidity of summer, I find cool fall mornings refreshing. I also enjoy seeing the leaves on the trees change colors and slowly fall to the ground. These things remind me that God is Sovereign and is in control of His creation. The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 1:20, *"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse."*

I hope you enjoy the fall season, but I hope you will also look for opportunities during this season of change to testify that God is the Master Artist. One such opportunity coming up is Crossover South Marshall, which will be held on Saturday, October 9, from 9:00 – Noon. We will begin with breakfast here at the office of BRBA. Then, we will get assignments and go out to distribute our Gospel To Every Home packets. For more information, or to volunteer to participate, please contact me at director@bloodriverassoc.org.

I want to remind our pastors that we have a luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, at noon at the Sirloin Stockade in Murray. Also, I have scheduled our annual Pastor/Deacon/Wives dinner for Friday, October 22, at 6:00 p.m. at Blood River Baptist Association. Dr. Larry Purcell will be our guest speaker and we will enjoy a catered meal together. **Please RSVP to 270-437-4203 by Monday, October 18.**

Finally, I have rescheduled our Sr. Adult Rally for Friday, November 5, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church in Almo. **Please RSVP to 270-437-4203 by Monday, November 1,** if at all possible.

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark Sickling



Newsletter deadline for November
is
October 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.

Bags of Hope Pantry list for October

- Altona-- pumpkin and canned potatoes
- Bethel-- sweet potatoes and jiffy corn muffin mix
- Bethlehem-- pumpkin and vienna sausage
- Briensburg-- instant potatoes and pumpkin
- Cherry Corner-- pumpkin and jiffy corn muffin mix
- Elva-- peanut butter and jelly
- Flint-- pork-n-beans and sweet potatoes
- Gilbertsville-- instant potatoes and jiffy corn muffin mix
- Grace--pumpkin and canned tomatoes
- Hamlet-- instant potatoes and mixed vegetables
- Hazel-- instant potatoes and saltine crackers
- Holly Hills-- pumpkin and instant potatoes
- Kirksey-- dry white northern beans and jiffy corn muffin mix
- Lakeview--sweet potatoes and canned potatoes
- Locust Grove-- hamburger helper and green beans
- Memorial-- mac-n-cheese and peanut butter
- New Bethel--cereal and bars of soap
- New Harmony--pumpkin and kids fruit snacks
- New Zion-- pancake mix and canned tomatoes
- Northside-- sweet potatoes and mixed vegetables
- Oak Grove-- pumpkin and canned potatoes
- Olive-- sweet potatoes and saltine crackers
- Owens Chapel-- pumpkin and canned carrots
- Pleasant Hope-- pumpkin and mac-n-cheese
- Salem--pancake mix and canned potatoes
- Sinking Springs--pork-n-beans and vienna sausage
- Spring Creek-- pork-n-beans and kids fruit snacks
- Sugar Creek--pumpkin and canned potatoes
- Union Ridge-- sweet potatoes and bars of soap
- West Fork-- pancake mix and carrots



Pastors/Deacons/Wives Dinner on October 22nd at 6:00 pm at BRBA. Dr. Larry Purcell guest speaker. **Please RSVP by October 18th, 270-437-4203,** if you plan to attend.

Sr. Adult Rally, November 5th at 4:00 pm at Northside Baptist. **Please RSVP at 270-437-4203 by November 1** if you plan to attend.



We need the Lord's wisdom and blessing on our country. Lift up our country in PRAYER!!!!



LOVE PACKAGES

Heartland Ministries Radio is happy to accept used Bibles and Sunday School literature at their studios at 219 College Street in Hardin. Their partnership with Love Packages, a collector & distributor of donated Christian literature will help get those items into the hands of others who are in need. Please call Heartland Ministries at 270-437-4095 to schedule a drop-off date/time of your Christian literature, or drop it off at our office and we will take it for you.

<u>October 2021</u>	
1st-31st	Pastor Appreciation Month
3rd	Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
9th 9:00-noon	Crossover South Marshall - start @ BRBA
10th	Pastor Appreciation Day
10th	Global Hunger Sunday
11th 1:30 pm	Annual Meeting Session 1 @ Lakeview BC
11th 6:30 pm	Annual Meeting Session 2 @ Memorial BC
12th	Ground Hog Day
13th 12:00	Minister's Luncheon & Fellowship @ Sirloin Stockade, Murray
13th	NO Budget/Finance Committee Meeting
14th	NO Executive Board Meeting
17th-24th	Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations
22nd 6:00 pm	Pastors/Deacons/Wives Dinner @ BRBA
25th 10:00 am	WMU Quarterly Meeting @ Hamlet BC
31st	Freeda Harris Toys due back to churches
<u>Coming in November (mark your calendar)</u>	
2nd	Election Day - YOUR VOTE COUNTS
3rd	Freeda Harris toys due at the BRBA Office
4th 9:00 am	Freeda Harris toys to be packed up
5th 4:00 pm	Sr. Adult Rally @ Northside Baptist
7th	Turn your clocks back one hour
7th	Orphans/Widows Sunday
9th	Kentucky Baptist Convention in Elizabethtown KY
10th 1:00 pm	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg. @ BRBA
11th 6:30 pm	Executive Board Mtg @ Grace Baptist
11th	Veterans Day
15th 10:00 am	LBL Council Mtg @ BRBA
25th	Thanksgiving Day
25th-26th	Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed
28th-Dec. 5th	Week of Prayer for International Missions

Christmas Backpacks

Share the gift of LOVE and the GOSPEL with a child in need this Christmas.

Kentucky's goal is 10,000 BACKPACKS from KBC churches!

Please visit the website below for more details.

Register online (www.kybaptist.org/backpacks) the number of backpacks your church is committed to pack and share. **Deliver the backpacks to BRBA by October 25-29. Call the association with any questions, 270-437-4203.**

Churches without Pastors	
Altona	New Mt. Carmel
Elva	Oak Grove
Kirksey	Old Salem Road

Blood River Review

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Birthdays

- 5th Kim Reeder, Grace
- 9th Karen Kuykendall, West Fork
- 11th Katie Penick, New Harmony
- 12th Jonathan Clark, BSU Director
- 25th Duane Holland, Holly Hills
- 27th Martin Severns, Memorial
- 31st Jennifer Reeder, Grace

The annual meetings are as followed:

October 11th @ 1:30 p.m. - Lakeview BC

October 11th @ 6:30 p.m. - Memorial BC

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE
OF 2ND SESSION TO 6:30 PM
AND NO MEAL!!!!



**THERE WILL BE NO BUDGET/FINANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING OR EXECUTIVE
BOARD MEETING IN OCTOBER**

Wedding Anniversaries

- 10th Damian & Hermelina Alvarez, El Manantial

Church Anniversaries

1st Sunday

- Jonathan Clark, BSU Director (2013)
- Charles LaChance, Bethel (2014)
- Ken Jewell, Opportunity (2020)
- Ronnie Burkeen, Cherry Corner (2021)

4th Sunday

- Brett Miles, Northside (1996)
- John Bedwell, Spring Creek (2013)

Appreciation

*October is Pastor Appreciation
Month, let your pastor know
how much you appreciate
him!!!!*



New Harmony Baptist Church
is accepting applications for a
bi-vocational song leader.
Please send inquiries to
scott@newharmonybaptist.net

News from Bags of Hope

In August we were able to help 77 families, 6 of those were new. We gave out 1,669 food items, 210 bread, and 69 personal hygiene items. We were able to share the gospel with 10 people, and this year we have had 3 salvations.

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

Remember the volunteers in prayer.

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- Friday 9am - 4pm if more convenient.
Phone: 270-252-9266

Freeda Harris Toy Drive 2021

August 1 - October 31

New Toys: \$10-\$12 for boys/girls - 6 months -16 years

DO NOT WRAP

Toys due at churches - October 31

Toys due to BRBA - Nov. 3

Toys to be packed - Nov. 4, Need Volunteers

Wrapping paper/supplies accepted

NEEDED: 18X16X18 **medium** moving boxes

NEW BETHEL:

At New Bethel our Young at Heart Seniors had their first get together in quite a while as they had a picnic at Mike Miller Park on Thursday, September 9th. Hopefully this is a step forward as we try to regain some normalcy in our churches and our lives, even though the Delta variant of Co-vid is spreading rapidly and could possibly derail the progress we've been making. Also encouraging is that our Sunday School classes are beginning to pick back up. If there is one thing that's certain though, it is that God is still God, He is the same yesterday, and today and forever, and He's still in control and His will shall prevail. Bro. Royce continues to bring us the messages that God has laid on his heart and we are studying Joshua on Sunday nights and Ephesians on Wednesday nights. Please keep Bro. Royce and his wife Beverly in your prayers as well as our kids, our school systems, and our Local, State and National leaders.

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever".
Hebrews 13:8*

SALEM:

Bro. Frankie had knee surgery on August 17th, but he has not slowed down in his ministry at Salem. His son, Kyle preached on the August 18th, and we were blessed with His message and with the visit from the youth group from Pryorsburg Baptist Church. Bro. Frankie also preached one night of the Outdoor Revival at Sugar Creek Baptist, it was a beautiful night to be outside and worship the Lord. On Sunday night, September 12th, we were blessed to have a group from Pryorsburg Baptist join us for our evening service. We are planning a Trunk or Treat for October and a chili supper on a date to be announced. We continue to pray for those in our church who are having surgery, who are ill and those who have lost loved ones. God is so good to us.

BRIENSBURG:

Greetings from Briensburg Baptist Church. Like so many of you, we continue to deal with the virus, but we are seeing the Lord work through these difficult days. Currently, we are stepping back into our children's and youth ministries for the Fall. It was exciting to have a young mother of three come forward desiring to accept Christ and follow the Lord in believers' baptism this month. Through everything that is going on we continue to have new families joining the church and others who are visiting and ask questions about membership. We also praise the Lord that He has blessed us with two newly ordained deacons, Patrick Adamson and Mike Crawford. Like many of you, we are also in the process of praying about the planning of our Fall outreach events like Harvest Festival and Fall Revival. Our prayer is that these ministries to our community can take place without being interrupted by the virus. Know that our church family is praying for your church family through these unprecedented days. Blessings in Christ as we minister together.

SUGAR CREEK:

Wow! Summer has gone by so quickly. We just had our Fall Revival on September 9-11th and we had a wonderful time listening to God's word. God showed up each night and we were blessed. We have our Homecoming scheduled for September 26th, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with singing and then Bro. Austin Chapman will be bringing the message at 11:00 a.m. There is a potluck to follow. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a day of fellowship and praising our God. This little church on a hill continues to be blessed by God...

*"I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress:
my God; in him will I trust". Psalms 91:2*

HAZEL:

We had a special speaker on September 19th, Bro. Korey Knight preached his first sermon and did an outstanding job. We are proud of Korey and pray God's blessing on him as he follows God's will. We are preparing for our homecoming which will be September 26th. Bro. Brett Miles will be our homecoming speaker and the David Parr Band will bring special music. We honored Deacon Harold Wilkinson for 18 years of faithful service to Hazel Baptist. Bro. Harold had his favorite meal (pizza) and was given a plaque by the church. We are thankful for those like Bro. Harold for their faithfulness to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We welcome Scott and Amy DeShields, Sr. to our membership by letter. Upcoming events are Hazel Day, October 2nd, Old Fashioned Sunday, October 24th and Jonathan Wilburn, October 31st.

*"I (we should) press toward the mark for the prize of the
high calling of God in Christ Jesus". Philippians 3:14*

SPRING CREEK:

God is continuing to bless Spring Creek. Bro. John Bedwell baptized Paul and Patricia Rains in Kentucky Lake at Hillman's Ferry campground on August 29th. Please continue to pray that God continues to lead lost people to His church.

CHERRY CORNER

Cherry Corner would like to welcome Bro. Ronnie Burkeen as our new pastor. His journey at Cherry Corner begins October 1 and we are extremely excited about the coming months as we plan to take the next step in the story of our church. Please be in prayer for Bro. Ronnie and Cherry Corner.

Retirement Reception for Garry Smith

Who has served at New Harmony BC for 48 years as the song leader. He will be honored on October 17th - 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the church. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of his retirement.

Remember in Prayer:

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