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**Blood River Baptist Association
 Board Meeting:**
**Will not meet due to Annual Meeting
 on October 10th, 2022**

Mark's Memo:

Traditionally, with the coming of Fall, several things happen. The days get shorter, and the temperatures begin to drop. I certainly welcome the drop in temperatures from the extreme heat of our Kentucky summers, but I do miss the added daylight of the summer.

As we turn the calendar to the month of October, it also means it is time for the Annual Meeting of Blood River Baptist Association. I hope our pastors, messengers, and mission board members are making their plans to attend this year's annual meeting on October 10, 2022. I am grateful for our host churches, our committees, and everyone else who will have a hand in making this year's annual meeting a great time of worship and fellowship as we conduct the LORD's business as it relates to the work of Blood River Baptist Association.

Pastors, please take advantage of the opportunity that you have to have a personal consultation with Bro. Don Spencer, on Thursday, October 13, 2022. All pastors and staff of KBC/SBC churches who work 20 hours a week are eligible to participate in the retirement program set up through Guidestone. If you are not signed up with Guidestone, I highly recommend you make an appointment, by calling the office at 270-437-4203, to speak to Bro. Don.

Serving Him Together,
 Bro. Mark Sickling

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

Newsletter deadline for November 2022 is

October 20th

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-- pancake mix & bars of soap
- Bethel--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Bethlehem--mac-n-cheese & dry great northern white beans
- Briensburg--pancake mix & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Cherry Corner--instant potatoes & saltine crackers
- Elva--butter beans & rice (1lb bag)
- Flint-- canned potatoes & dry red beans
- Gilbertsville--pancake mix & canned potatoes
- Grace-- instant potatoes & butter beans
- Hamlet--saltine crackers & bars of soap
- Hazel-- canned tomatoes & butter beans
- Holly Hills--corn meal & bars of soap
- Kirksey-- rice(1lb bags) and bars of soap
- Lakeview--pancake syrup & black eyed peas
- Locust Grove-- canned tomatoes & bars of soap
- Memorial--cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- New Bethel--canned tomatoes & black eyed peas
- New Harmony--Manwich/sloppy joe sauce & indiv wrapped chips for kids
- New Zion--tea bags & saltine crackers
- Northside--pancake mix & dry white beans
- Oak Grove--mac-n-cheese & butter beans
- Olive--canned tomatoes & black eyed peas
- Owens chapel--pancake syrup & bars of soap
- Pleasant Hope-- pancake syrup & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Salem--butter beans & canned potatoes
- Sinking Springs--dry white beans & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Spring Creek--mac-n-cheese & pancake syrup
- Sugar Creek--corn meal & indiv wrapped chips for kids
- Union Ridge--mac-n-cheese & black eyed peas
- West Fork--dry black eyed peas & instant potatoes

Bags of Hope Ministry

In August we were able to help **355** people, **98** of those were new. We gave out **3,881** food items, **216** bread, and **234** personal hygiene items. We were able to share the gospel with **43** people. Praise the Lord, we had **1** come to know Christ as their Savior and **1** rededication.

Past year review: From September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 we were able to help 2,720 people, 459 were new. We gave out 41,294 food items, 2,361 bread, and 2,591 personal hygiene items. We were able to share the gospel with 330 people and we had 5 salvations.

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



October 7- 8, 2022
 Corinth Baptist Church - London
 New/Renewal Opportunity
 Training fee \$30
 Must be 18 years of age
 Must be a member of a KBC Church
 Be prepared to make a difference
 Visit kybaptist.org/dr or call 502-489-3527



October 2022

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| 2nd | | Personal Evangelism Commitment Day |
| 9th | | Pastor's Appreciation Day |
| 10th | 1:30 p.m. | Session 1 Annual Meeting @ Kirksey Baptist |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Session 2 Annual Meeting @ Sharpe Baptist |
| 10th | | Columbus Day |
| 13th | 9:00-4:00 | Retirement/Insurance Review for Pastor's @ BRBA (must call BRBA office for appt.) |
| 16th-22nd | | Week of Prayer for Baptists Associations & William Skinner Offering |
| 19th | 12:00 noon | Pastor's Luncheon - Hutchen's BBQ, Benton |
| 24th | 10:00 a.m. | WMU Quarterly Meeting @ New Zion |
| 30th | | Freeda Harris Toys due at churches |

Coming up November 2022

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| 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) |

October 16-22, 2022

Week of Prayer for Baptist Association and William Skinner Offering

Any donations given to the William Skinner offering during this week of prayer will be placed in the fund to purchase a new van for the associational churches to use.

Thank you.

Churches Currently without Pastors

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



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 2 frozen turkeys!
Deadline is November 10th.
 Turkeys can be dropped off at Blood River Baptist Association,
 Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 or Bags of Hope on
 Monday and Thursday 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Blood River Review



Annual meetings are as follows:

Session 1 - 1:30 p.m. - October 10 @ Kirksey Baptist

Session 2 - 5:30 p.m. - October 10 @ Sharpe Baptist
Meal served at 5:30 p.m. meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Freeda Harris Toy Drive 2022

August 1 - October 30

New Toys - \$10-\$12 for boys/girls ages 6 months to 16 years old

DO NOT WRAP

Toys due at churches - October 30th

Toys due to the BRBA - November 2nd

Toys to be packed - November 3rd @ BRBA

NEEDED: wrapping paper/tape and 18 x 16 x 18 MEDIUM moving boxes



This is a wonderful ministry!!! For more information and to get registered, visit www.kybaptist.org/backpacks

Kentucky's goal is to collect 10,000 backpacks for our children.

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

Deliver backpacks to BRBA by October 27th.



Thank your Pastor for the word they spread and the lives they touch !!!!



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



- 10th Damian & Hermelina Alvarez, el Manantial



1st Sunday

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

3rd Sunday

- Shawn Hanes, Kirksey (2021)

4th Sunday

- Brett Miles, Northside (1996)



Pastor's Luncheon
12:00 noon @ Hutchens BBQ
601 Main St., Benton
Come and fellowship!!!!



Retirement/Insurance Review for Pastor's

October 13, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Blood River Baptist Association
Must call 270-437-4203 for appointment
Bro. Don Spencer, Church Consulting Team, KBC



WMU Quarterly Meeting
October 24th @ 10:00 a.m.
New Zion Baptist Church

BRIENSBURG:

Greetings from Briensburg Baptist Church. As the leaves begin to turn shades of red, yellow, orange, and brown we turn our attention to one of the most exciting times of the year at Briensburg. On October the 9th our WMU will host their annual Soup Kitchen at 6pm to highlight Global Hunger Relief. Our annual Fall Revival with guest preacher Wes Fowler will begin on the 16th & continue through the 19th. Sunday night will begin with worship at 6 pm and fellowship to follow. Monday we will host a fellowship with our youth at 6 pm and worship at 7 pm. Tuesday night will begin with a community catered meal at 6 pm and worship at 7 pm. Then Wednesday night will include children's fellowship at 6 pm and worship at 7 pm. We are also excited about our annual Harvest Festival on the 29th from 5 -7 pm. It will include food, games, hayride, and lots of candy and prizes for the kids. We continue to work to help storm victims get settled back into their homes and praise the Lord for all the work we see our sister churches doing as well. Blessings in Christ as we minister together.

HAZEL:

We want to welcome Ethan Craft who has joined our church by baptism. We will love you, pray for you and ask that you pray for our church. Homecoming will be September 25th with Bro. Jamie Darnell as our guest speaker along with his church's praise team. Also, His Praise Quartet will be singing for us with all starting at 10:00 a.m. There will be a potluck meal immediately following the morning service. There will be no evening service. On Saturday, October 1 our community will have Hazel Day and on Wednesday, October 26th we will have our church's Fall Festival. Our schedule at Hazel Baptist is picking up and will get busier as we approach the holiday season. Let's begin this time with this verse in mind, *"Pray without ceasing", 1 Thessalonians 5:17.*

NEW BETHEL

On Sunday September 11th we remembered all those who died in the terrorist attacks 21 years ago. Our New Bethel Young at Heart Seniors had their Annual Fall Picnic at Mike Miller Park on Tuesday September 13th, beautiful weather, great folks there, good food and fine fellowship, and a fun time. We are still collecting toys for the Freeda Harris Toy Drive which ends soon and are beginning to think about the Shoe Box Ministry which will be starting soon. These great ministries touch a lot of lives and not just the kids but their whole families, and help spread the good news that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. Due to growing attendance, our Nursery will be for children birth thru 3 years old and we will have Children's Church for kids ages 4 years old thru 8 years old right after the Children's Sermon. Please keep our Kids, Schools, Churches, Pastors and our Great Country in your Prayers.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. James 4:10



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| 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 | | |

SALEM:

We are excited that the kids and youth in our church are meeting weekly for "food, Bible and fun" on Wednesday nights. The adults who are leading these groups are planning some great activities and Bible lessons to make learning fun! We are all praying that more young people will join us on Wednesday nights. The parents are also participating in the Wednesday night services in the sanctuary. Our hearts are sad for the families who have lost loved ones in recent weeks. Two of our dedicated members, June Lamb, and Bill Adams are now rejoicing with Jesus in heaven. We continue to pray for their families. Bro. Frankie has our Fall Revival-Jubilee scheduled for October 23 to 28 with special music each day. More information will be posted on our Facebook page. Everyone is welcome. God is so good to us. *"I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1.*

SUGAR CREEK:

This year has been full of many blessings for Sugar Creek Baptist church. We have had many in the church who were out sick, be able to return and many new faces attend. We ended summer with our homecoming, everyone had a wonderful time. We begin the Fall season with our annual outdoor 3 day Fall Revival, begins September 29th - October 1. We are so excited about our first Trunk or Treat on October 29th. Everyone is welcome, bring your friends and enjoy a time of fellowship and lots of candy! We do not have a time set yet, so follow our Facebook page for the details on that event. Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:45 am for Sunday school, and service to follow at 9:30 am. Also, join us Sunday and Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. Isaiah 40:8



Briensburg Baptist Church

is having their annual Harvest Festival on October 29th - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.. Food, games, hayride, lots of candy and prizes. Come join us!!!

Hazel Baptist Church Fall Festival

October 26th, 2022

For a time and more information you can follow their FB page. Everyone is invited.



Sugar Creek Baptist Church

October 29th, Time TBD
(follow their FB page)

Everyone welcome for a time of fellowship and fun, and LOTS of candy !!!!!

New Zion Baptist Church

October 29th, 6:00 p.m.
(follow their FB page)

Everyone welcome for a time of fellowship and fun, and LOTS of candy !!!!!