

Blood River Baptist Association

Mission Board Meeting
Cherry Corner Baptist Church
September 12, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

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Mark's Memos

As I sit down to compose this article, we are enjoying a much-needed hint of fall in the air. With the turning of the calendar to August, we know the heat and humidity will begin to decrease toward the end of the month.

Another thing that August brings is our students return to school and college. So, please pray for our students, staff, and School Administrators as they begin their school year. The deadline for Ministerial Students to apply for our Blood River Baptist Association Scholarship is August 2. So, if you know anyone pursuing a degree in ministry, please encourage them to contact our offices for a scholarship form and get it submitted asap.

Bro. Kenny Rager, a Church Evangelism Associate with the KBC will be our special guest at our Mission Board Meeting at Ferguson Spring Baptist Church on Thursday, August 8, at 6:30 p.m. If you haven't met Bro. Kenny yet, I encourage you to come and meet him and hear how he and the KBC wish to come alongside your church and better equip you to be witnesses for Christ.

Our Personnel Committee will also be bringing a recommendation to the Mission Board on hiring an Administrative Assistant and a Financial Assistant at our August 8 meeting at Ferguson Spring Baptist Church. I appreciate the work and spirit with which our Personnel Committee and Finance Committee have worked together to bring about this rather significant change.

Next, as we move our calendar's to August, it means it is time for the Association to send out the **Annual Church Profile** to all of our sister churches. When you receive your ACP, I want to ask you to fill it out as soon as possible and return it to our offices by September 16th, so that we can forward the information on to the Kentucky Baptist Convention. You see, the information on the ACP is one way the KBC and BRBA can assess the health of our churches; can reveal trends in Worship, Sunday School and Discipleship Training; and can reveal how obedient we are being to the Great Commission. So, please fill your ACP out carefully and as accurately as possible. If you have questions about the ACP feel free to call me or Rick Pryor, at the KBC at 502-489-3327.

Finally, please pray for our sister churches that are seeking pastors (Salem; New Mt. Carmel; Kirksey; Old Salem Road; Scott's Grove; Sinking Spring; Elva; Oak Grove; and Pleasant Hope).

Serving Him Together,
Bro. Mark



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EMAIL US AT:
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Remember to limit your words to 175
& have your information in by the 21ST

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August 2019 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

August



- 6th Bro. Brandon Bramlett, Locust Grove
- 16th Bro. David Little, Dexter
- 22nd Bro. Rick Yarbrough, Ledbetter
- 22nd Ginger Severns, Memorial
- 31st Bro. Phillip Bazzell, Sugar Creek

Happy Anniversary

- 2nd Brad & Robin Walker (2003), Briensburg
- 6th Curtis & Marlene Rice, Salem Baptist
- 9th Larry & Ann Salmon (1969), Coldwater
- 13th Jonathan & Erin Clark (2005), BSU Director
- 23rd Doug & Sarah Sanders (1986), Bethlehem
- 29th George & Joan Culp Jr. (1970), Pleasant Valley

Church Anniversary

First Sunday

- Bro. Mark Thweatt (2013), New Bethel
- Bro. Mark Sickling (2017), Blood River Baptist Assoc.
- Chuck Houston (2018), Hamlet

Second Sunday

- Bro. Todd Dotson (2013), Olive
- Bro. Mike Farmer (2016), Vanzora

Fifth Sunday

- Bro. Duane Holland (2010), Holly Hills



The deadline for Scholarship Applications is August 2nd

Pastor's Wives Appreciation Brunch

August 24, 2019 10 AM-12
Blood River Association Building
Sponsored by BRBA WMU
RSVP by August 14 to 270-527-2772 or 270-437-4203
All Pastor's wives are invited to attend.

Oneida Baptist Institute Mission Trip

September 15-20



Who: Adults 18 year old and up

Cost: \$50.00

For more information contact
Bro. Mark Sickling or Mr. Richard Stallons



September 19, 2019

Heartland Church, 4777 Alben Barkley Dr.

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

For more information & to register: kybaptist.org



JULY-NOVEMBER 6

We need new toys, \$10-\$12 price range, for boys and girls ages 6months - 16 yrs.

Please bring toys to the Associational office by November 6th.

Do not wrap toys, but you may provide wrapping paper, ribbon & tape.

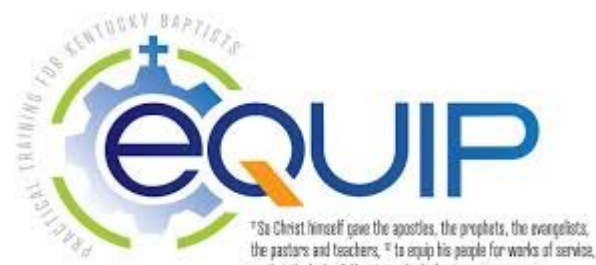
Toys will be packed for shipping on Nov. 7th at 9:00 am.

Everyone is welcome to help pack!

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS		
Kirksey	Salem	Sinking Spring
New Mt. Carmel	Oak Grove	Pleasant Hope
Old Salem Rd.	Scotts Grove	Elva

UPCOMING Events

AUGUST		
2 nd		Deadline for Scholarship Applications
4 th		Social Issues Sunday
6 th	6:00 pm	Oneida Planning Mtg., BRBA
8 th	6:30 pm	Exec. Board Mtg., Ferguson Spring
11 th		Student Evangelism Day
18 th -24 th		Worship Music Week
24 th	10am-12pm	WMU Pastor's Wives Brunch, BRBA
25 th	4:30 pm	First Place Orientation, Memorial
26 th	6:30 pm	First Place Orientation, BRBA
SEPTEMBER		
1 ST		Single Adult Sunday
2 nd		Labor Day (Office Closed)
8 th		Grandparents Day
8 th	4:15 pm	First Place Meets Weekly, Memorial
9 th -15 th		Week of Prayer for State Missions/ Eliza Broadus Offering
15 th		Anti-Gambling Sunday
15 th -20 th		Mission Trip to Oneida Baptist Institute
23 rd		First Day of Fall



"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." -- Colossians 1:13-17

August 19, 2019
6:00 pm - 9- pm

First Baptist Church Paducah
\$10 per person or \$50 per Church

Register: <https://kentuckybaptist-ccr.regfox.com/equip-2019-paducah>

Helping with effectiveness of leaders in: children's ministry, church security, deacon ministry, discipleship, evangelism, finance, revitalization, Sunday school, WMU, women's ministry, worship & music

Elva: We enjoyed a cookout at Elva the end of June, celebrating Independence Day. Also in June one of our youth that surrendered to the ministry recently got a chance to preach his first message and did a great job. We would like to invite you to our VBS In The Wild. VBS dates are Sunday, July 21-26 from 6:00 -8:30 each night. A meal is served beginning at 5:15 if you would like to eat with us. VBS kickoff is Saturday, July 20th at 10:00 am.

Symsonia: We enjoyed having Jeff Stice in concert the end of June. Our Youth just returned from camp and our kids will be leaving this week for Crossing camp at Jonathan Creek. Our Annual Ice Cream Supper was this month. We accepted donations totaling \$1,270 that went to Smile Train. Our Senior Adults enjoyed a home cooked breakfast together this month. Back to School is just around the corner! We plan to have a celebration soon and have prayer for our students, teachers and all those who work in the school system.

Union Ridge: Our church took part in a fundraiser that the Humane Society had at Kenlake State Park on June 22nd. They had a great time and were able to provide the refreshments and snacks for the participants in the Marathon. We are nearly finished with our Bible Study on "The Essential Church" on Wednesday nights. We have learned a lot and have had a good attendance for the study.

New Bethel: On Tuesday, July 2nd, our Young At Heart Seniors visited August Moon for their monthly outing. Thursday July 4th, Independence Day, a great day to celebrate the founding of our great Nation. On Sunday July 7th we had our July Breakfast Fellowship. On Wednesday July 10th we had our Quarterly Business Meeting electing Sunday School Teachers and Officers and approving the new Finance Budget. Our Senior Adult Women's Sunday School Class here at New Bethel is participating in Marshall County Schools Love Spell in helping to meet the needs of our children in the Marshall County School System by collecting clothes for kids at all our schools. Coming up in August our August Fellowship Breakfast will be on Sunday August 4th, our monthly Young At Heart Seniors outing will be on Tuesday August 6th and on Monday August 19th there is KBC Equip Training at First Baptist Church in Paducah at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Oak Grove: Our VBS was held on June 29th. Our children enjoyed the Bible-learning activities, the catchy songs, the teamwork-building games, and the arts and crafts activities. We were not able to have the petting zoo due to the excessive heat. The summer has gone by so quickly, and our students will soon be returning to school. Baby bottles with our donations have taken to the Life House Family Care Center. The Women of Hope will sponsor tables at the annual Life House Banquet on Thursday, August 29th, 6:30 PM at the MSU Curris Center. Our homecoming service will be August 18th. It has been 160 years since our church was organized. Oak Grove continues to be blessed each Sunday with different ministers preaching God's word. We're praying for our pastor search committee as they seek the next pastor that God has planned for us.



How to Participate & Pack:

- Register online (www.kybaptist.org/backpacks) the number of backpacks your church or organization is committed to pack.
- Determine whether your church or organization will partner with and deliver to a specific ministry or drop at an Association collection site.
- Begin with purchasing a New zippered backpack.
- Determine the gender & age for the backpacks, then tie 2 ribbons on each backpack to designate following color chart.
 - Blue - Boys
 - Pink - Girls
 - Purple - Ages 2-3
 - Yellow - Ages 4-7
 - Green - Ages 8-10
 - Red - Ages 11-14
 - White - Ages 15-17
- Fill backpacks with NEW gift. (see website for suggestions)
- Insert the Christmas Story leaflet into each backpack.
- Securely tie 2 ribbons, according to the above colors, to the outside of each backpack.
- Pray specifically for the child & their family.
- Deliver backpacks to BRBA by October 21-25.

Notes from the Food Pantry

In June we were able to help 118 families. We gave out 3,191 food items, 362 bread and 202 hygiene items.

We want to thank you for your continued support for this ministry. We continue to have new families every week.

If your church is interested in volunteering to work a week at the pantry please contact me.

Thank You,
God bless