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**Newsletter deadline for February 2025 is January 19th**  
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**Remember to limit your words to 175 & have your information in by the 20th of each month.**

### Mark's Memo:

The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4:13-14, "Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

With the turning of the calendar from December to January, things change. The calendar not only changes from one month to another. In a matter of a few seconds, the calendar changes from one year to the next. With that change comes new opportunities and challenges.

When I come to the office on January 2, 2025, things will have changed. Not only will it be a new calendar year; a new budget year; and a new month of ministry opportunities here at Blood River Baptist Association, there will have been a "changing of the guard," if you will, here at BRBA. When I walk into the office that day, my Administrative Assistant for the past 4 years, Teresa (Terry) Laster will not be sitting in the receptionist's chair. Instead, that chair will be occupied by my new Administrative Assistant, Kay Reed.

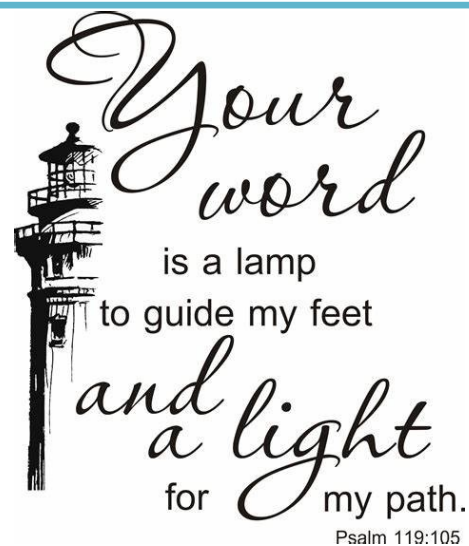
While I am anxious to see what 2025 brings and am looking forward to working with Kay in the coming years, I will never forget the impact Terry Laster has had on me and Blood River Baptist Association. Terry has been a faithful friend; a competent co-worker; and a prudent partner in ministry.

As Terry transitions into retirement and into the role of our part-time financial assistant, I pray our LORD will continue to bless her, her family, and her continued service to BRBA. Furthermore, as Kay transitions into the role of our Administrative Assistant, I pray God would bless her, her family, and her service with BRBA.

Let us press on!

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling



ISRAEL  
Our Leaders  
**Our Country**  
The Lost  
Our Pastors

Sister Churches  
Our Schools  
Each Other  
Our Teachers  
**Churches without Pastors**

Our Youth  
The Sick  
Missionaries

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January, 2025

1st		New Years Day - <b>Office Closed</b>
3rd		Deadline for Scholarship Applications
3rd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
7th	10:00 a.m.	Evangelism Mtg @ BRBA Office
7th	5:30 p.m.	Scholarship Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
7th	6:30 p.m.	Bags of Hope Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
8th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
9th	6:30 p.m.	Quarterly Executive Board Mtg @ Ledbetter Baptist
10th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
13th	5:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
15th	12:00 p.m.	Pastor's Luncheon @ Parcell's Deli, Benton, KY
17th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
20th		Martin Luther King Day - <b>Office Closed</b>
24th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
27th	10:00 a.m.	WMU Quarterly Mtg @ BRBA Office
31st	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

### February, 2025 (mark your calendars)

2nd		Ground Hog Day
3rd	6:00 p.m.	Constitution/Bylaws Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
4th	10:00 a.m.	Evangelism Mtg @ BRBA Office
7th-8th		Youth Evangelism Summit - Elizabethtown
7th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
10th	6:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
10th		Lincoln's Birthday
12th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
14th		Valentine's Day
14th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
14th-15th		Shepherding 2025 - ky.baptist.org/event/shepherding
16th		Focus on WMU Sunday
17th		Washington's Birthday/Presidents Day
21st	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
23rd		Racial Reconciliation Sunday
28th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

### Bags of Hope Pantry list for JANUARY

Altona – Canned Chicken & Black Eyed Peas  
Bethel – Chili & Canned Potatoes  
Bethlehem – Canned Chicken & Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix  
Briensburg – Ravioli & Vienna Sausage  
Cherry Corner – Vienna Sausage & Mac 'n Cheese  
Elva – Instant Potatoes & Canned Tomatoes  
Flint – Chili & Canned Black Eyed Peas  
Gilbertsville – Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix & Pork 'n Beans  
Grace – Ramen Noodles & Bars of Soap  
Hamlet – Spam & Mixed Vegetables  
Hazel – Canned White Beans & Chicken Noodle Soup  
Holly Hills – Spam & Canned Potatoes  
Kirksey – Ravioli & Bars of Soap  
Lakeview – Chili & Mac 'n Cheese  
Ledbetter – Ravioli & Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix  
Locust Grove – Chicken Noodle Soup & Ramen Noodles  
Memorial – Vienna Sausage & Cereal  
New Bethel – Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce (No glass)  
Hew Harmony – Hamburger Helper & Spaghetti Sauce (No glass)  
New Zion – Chili & Canned Tomatoes  
Northside – Chili & Mixed Vegetables  
Oak Grove – Spam & Mixed Vegetables  
Olive – Instant Potatoes & Ravioli  
Owens Chapel – Ravioli & Pork 'n Beans  
Pleasant Hope – Canned Chicken & Canned Black Eyed Peas  
Salem – Spam & Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix  
Sinking Springs – Spaghetti & Bars of Soap  
Spring Creek – Chicken Noodle Soup & Chili  
Sugar Creek – Pancake Mix & Hamburger Helper  
Union Ridge – Canned Chicken & Mac 'n Cheese  
West Fork – Mac 'n Cheese & Chili

### Bags of Hope Ministry

In November we were able to help **407** people, of which **94 were new**. We gave out **4,304** food items, **498** bread, and **184** personal hygiene items. We share the gospel and pray for everyone that comes to the pantry. Thank you for your continued support that keeps this ministry going. Please continue to pray for each client and volunteer.

Thank you and God Bless

### Bags of Hope

Hours for Food & Clothing: Monday & Thursday 1 - 4 p.m.  
Food donations can still be donated at the Association Office  
Monday- Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30 p.m. if more convenient.  
Phone: 270-252-9266

# Blood River Review

JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



## January Pastor's Prayer Times

3rd	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
10th	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
17th	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
24th	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
31st	8:30 a.m. BRBA Office

## REMINDER:

Scholarship Applications Due  
January 3rd @ BRBA Office



**Quarterly Executive Board Meeting**  
6:30 p.m. - January 9th, 2025  
Ledbetter Baptist  
125 Ledbetter Road  
Murray, KY 42071



Pastor's Luncheon  
January 15, 2025  
12:00 noon  
Parcell's Deli  
Benton, KY



January 20th  
Office Closed

## January Birthdays

2nd	Jana Kee, Union Ridge
13th	Glenn Cope, Flint
15th	Theresa Wortham, New Providence
18th	Carl Butler, Pleasant Hope
26th	Ronnie Burkeen, Cherry Corner

## January Wedding Anniversaries

1st	Martin & Ginger Severns, Memorial
1st	Royce & Peggy Dukes, Spring Creek (I)
3rd	Graig & Theresa Wortham, New Providence
7th	Philip & Teresa Bazzell, Sugar Creek

## January Church Anniversaries

### First Sunday

Randy Kuykendall, West Fork (2012)  
Larry Salmon, Coldwater (2002)  
Michael Lineberry, Oak Grove (2024)

### Second Sunday

Philip Bazzell, Sugar Creek (2017)  
Ed Chapman, Scotts Grove (2020)

### Third Sunday

Jeff Norsworthy, Blood River (2020)



WMU Quarterly Meeting  
January 27, 2025  
10:00 a.m. @ BRBA Office

## BETHLEHEM

December was a very busy month for Bethlehem Baptist Church. On Dec. 8, the church had their Holiday Fellowship. Then Sat., Dec 14, we will be having our Angel Tree Party, Christmas gifts will be given out to kids that have parents incarcerated. Dec. 22, we will be caroling at Convalescent Center at Calvert City and delivering Christmas Cards to all the residents. We will also be taking fruit baskets and cards to The Cox Manor Apartments at Calvert. Dec. 25th is Jesus's Birthday. The 29th, we will be having our monthly birthday party.

GOD IS GOOD!!

## NEW BETHEL:

On Nov. 28-30th, several of our New Bethel fold traveled to Atlanta, GA to help out in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry there. They worked hard but had a great time, knowing that kids all over the world would have presents for Christmas and learn about the love of Jesus! Coming up here at New Bethel: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; Sun. Dec 8th-church holiday meal; Sun. Dec 15th -a Baptism in the morning service and then "A night in Bethlehem: from 6:00-8:00 p.m.; Wed. Dec 18th-Eric Homer Christmas Special from 6:30-7:30 p.m.' Sun. Dec 22nd-Children's Christmas Program. During this very busy holiday season, just remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. Pray for all our pastors and their families and all the Lost.

**Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**

## HAZEL

Join us for a special Christmas Eve Service at 6:30 p.m. Our choir will present a beautiful Christmas Cantata on December 22nd during the morning service. In January, we invite you to our fellowship event, "Christ and Cobbler." As we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, may we remember the words of Isaiah 9:6.

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FIREWOOD	HIBERNATE	JACKET	SNOWMAN
FLURRIES	HOLIDAY	MITTENS	SOLSTICE



<https://everydaychaosandcalm.com>



2025 Blood River Annuals and  
Calendars are ready for pickup @  
the BRBA Office.

## Churches Currently without Pastors

Elva	Pleasant Valley
Locust Grove	Spring Creek

## Winter S Words

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