



Newsletter deadline for October 2025 is September 18th
EMAIL US AT:
bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org
Remember to limit your words to 175.

Mark's Memo:

Our children and grandchildren are back in school. The cornstalks in the fields that dot Western Kentucky are drying out and the days are beginning to get a little shorter. What does all this mean? It means Fall is right around the corner.

That means things are about to get busy for our association. Our annual Senior Adult Rally will be held at Altona Baptist Church on September 5 at 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Neil's Catering will be providing the meal (Fish and all the fixins, includes chicken for those who don't like fish) and Adrienne Lee will be providing the worship music. Please RSVP to 270-437-4203 by September 2.

Fall also means it is time for our churches to fill out and return their ACP (Annual Church Profile). This yearly task, like an annual checkup at your doctor or dentist may not seem necessary or pleasant, but in the long run it is important to the overall health of the church. Please try to have your ACP's back to BRBA by September 11, 2025. If you choose to do your ACP online, please email Kay at bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org after you have submitted it.

Finally, the arrival of Fall means the annual meeting is approaching. We will kick the annual meeting week off this year with our one-night Revival Service at New Harmony on Sunday night, October 12, at New Harmony Baptist Church. Bro. Randy McPheron, former KBC President will be our guest evangelist for the evening. Like last year, we encourage our churches to "transfer their Sunday night service" to New Harmony for this unique worship opportunity. Then, on Monday, October 13, beginning at 3:00 p.m. the 156 Annual Meeting of Blood River Baptist Association will convene. We will be blessed to hear messages from Dr. Todd Gray, the Executive Director-Treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and from Bro. Jordan Roach, pastor of Hazel Baptist Church. Anyone is welcome, but only registered messengers will have voting privileges during business sessions.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark



Bible Trivia

Q: How many brothers did Joseph have?
Q: What did Jacob give Joseph that caused jealousy among his brothers?
Q: How many plagues did God send on Egypt?

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

September 2025

8/29-9/2	Inspire NYC Mission Trip
1st	Labor Day (Office Closed)
2nd	10:00 am Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
5th	8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
5th	4:00 pm Senior Adult Rally @ Altona Baptist, Calvert City, KY
7th	Grandparents Day
10th	1:00 pm Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
11th	DEADLINE FOR ALL ACP'S TO BRBA OFFICE
12th	8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
12th	7:00 pm The Kingsmen Quartet @ New Zion, Benton, KY (love offering only)
12th-13th	BiVocational Pastors/Wife Retreat-Lexington, KY
	Register @ https://www.kybaptist.org/event/bivocational-pastors-wives-retreat-2/
12th-13th	Disaster Relief Training @ Eastwood Baptist, Bowling Green, KY
	Register @ https://www.kybaptist.org/event/dr-chaplaincy-training-3/
14th-20th	Eliza Broadus Offering and Week of Prayer
15th	BOOK OF REPORTS DUE TO BRBA OFFICE
17th	7:30 am Pastor's Breakfast @ 4 Pigs, Benton, KY
19th	8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
22nd	First Day of Fall
26th	8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
28th	Children's Ministry Sunday
October 2025 (mark your calendar)	
3rd	8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
5th	Cooperative Program Sunday
7th	10:00 am Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
8th	1:00 pm Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
10th	8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
10th-11th	Disaster Relief Training @ Campbellsville Baptist, Campbellsville, KY
	Register @ https://www.kybaptist.org/event/dr-chaplaincy-training-4/
12th	Pastor Appreciation Day
12th	6:00 pm BRBA REVIVAL @ New Harmony Baptist, Benton, KY
13th	3:00 pm BRBA ANNUAL MEETING SESSION #1 @ New Harmony Baptist
13th	5:30 pm BRBA ANNUAL MEETING SESSION #2 @ New Harmony Baptist
17th	8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
17th-18th	Radiant: A Ministry Wives Retreat @ Living Hope Baptist, Bowling Green
	Register @ https://www.kybaptist.org/radiant/
19th	Day of Prayer for Association Missions
19th-25th	William Skinner Week of Prayer and Associational Missions Offering
20th-24th	Christmas Backpacks due to BRBA Office
24th	8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
26th	Student Baptism Sunday
26th	Freeda Harris Toys due to churches
27th	10:00 am WMU Quarterly Meeting @ New Harmony Baptist, Benton, KY
31st	8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

Bible Trivia Answers

A: Eleven **A:** Coat of many colors **A:** Ten

Bags of Hope Pantry list for August

Altona-Vienna Sausage & Dried White Beans
Bethel-Instant Potatoes & Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
Bethlehem-Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce (no glass jars)
Briensburg-Chili & Canned Carrots
Cherry Corner-Pancake Mix & Pork 'n Beans
Elva-Spam & Canned Potatoes
Flint-Instant Potatoes & Canned Potatoes
Gilbertsville-Canned Pinto Beans & Cars of Soap
Grace-Vienna Sausage & Mac 'n Cheese
Hamlet-Ravioli & Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
Hazel-Chili & Canned Carrots
Holly Hills-Ravioli & Instant Potatoes
Kirksey-Canned Chicken & Mixed Vegetables
Lakeview-Canned Chicken & Sweet Green Peas
Ledbetter-Spam & Mac 'n Cheese
Locust Grove-Mac 'n Cheese & Dried White Beans
Memorial-Vienna Sausage & Canned Black Eyed Peas
New Bethel-Pancake Syrup & Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
New Harmony-Canned Chicken & Green Beans
New Mt. Carmel-Peanut Butter & Canned Tomatoes
New Zion-Green Beans & Pancake Syrup
Northside-Chicken Noodle Soup & Bars of Soap
Oak Grove-Ravioli & Canned Pinto Beans
Olive-Canned Chicken & Canned Black Eyed Peas
Owens Chapel-Vienna Sausage & Pork 'n Beans
Pleasant Hope-Peanut Butter & Canned Potatoes
Salem-Chili & Canned Tomatoes
Spring Creek-Canned Chicken & Bars of Soap
Sugar Creek-Pancake Mix & Peanut Butter
Union Ridge-Ravioli & Chicken Noodle Soup
West Fork-Sweet Green Peas & Spaghetti Sauce (no glass jars)

Bags of Hope Ministry

In July, we were able to help **368** people, of which **72** were new. We gave out **3,250** food items, **58** bread, and **151** personal hygiene items. Also, **3** precious souls were saved in the month of July. Thank you for your continued support. 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 8:00 am - 2:00 p.m. if more convenient.
Phone: 270-252-9266

Is your church interested in participating in the Christmas Backpack Project? For more details and to register visit <https://www.kybaptist.org/christmasbackpacks/>
Due to BRBA Office October 20-24, 2025

Blood River Review

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

September Pastor's Prayer Times

5th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
12th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
19th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office
26th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office



Churches Currently without Pastors

Pleasant Valley	Locust Grove	Holly Hills
FBC Gilbertsville	Ledbetter	Altona
Oak Grove	New Bethel	

Prayer REQUESTS

ISREAL	THE LOST	Our Leaders
Sister Churches	Our Youth	Our Country
Our Schools	The Sick	Each Other
Missionaries	Our Pastors	Our Teachers
Churches without Pastors	Inspire Mission Trip	



Featuring:
Adrienne Lee

2025 SENIOR ADULT RALLY

September 5, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
@ Altona Baptist
5827 US Hwy 62
Calvert City, KY
Cost: \$8.00 per person

Please RSVP to 270-437-4203 by September 2nd

FREEDA HARRIS TOY DRIVE 2025

AUGUST 1 THRU OCTOBER 26
New toys for boys and girls
Ages 6 months to 16 years old
DO NOT WRAP!
Toys due @ churches October 26th
Toys due @ BRBA November 3rd
Packing Party @ BRBA November 5th 9:00 a.m.
NEED WRAPPING PAPER, TAPE & MEDIUM MOVING BOXES (18X16X18)
Price \$10-\$15 per toy

September Birthdays

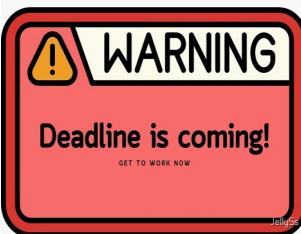
3rd Melissa Norsworthy, Blood River
5th Amy Dotson, Olive
7th Sammy Cunningham, Sinking Springs
12th Kristina McKinney, Salem
17th Kristin Sickling, BRBA
20th Kevin Harris, Poplar Spring
22nd Joshua Hodges, Elva
24th Sally Stom, Owens Chapel

September Anniversary

3rd Jeff & Melissa Norsworthy, Blood River
19th Bob & Vickie McCuiston, Old Salem Road
22nd Charles & Robin LaChance, Bethel
23rd Todd & Amy Dotson, Olive

September Church Anniversaries

1st Sunday
Martin Severns, Memorial (2007)
2nd Sunday
Sammy Cunningham, Sinking Springs (2020)
3rd Sunday
Rick Miller, Symsonia (2000)
4th Sunday
Brandon Shropshire, Bethlehem (2023)
Graig Wortham, New Providence (2023)



ALL ACP'S ARE DUE TO THE BRBA OFFICE BY 9/11/25. PLEASE GET THEM TURNED IN OR LET THE OFFICE KNOW YOU FILED ONLINE. THANK YOU!!!!

Disaster Relief Chaplaincy Training
Eastwood Baptist, Bowling Green, KY
September 12th-13th
Disaster Relief Volunteer Training
Eastwood Baptist, Bowling Green, KY
September 13th @ 7:30 a.m.

Register @ <https://kybaptist.org/dr>



BETHLEHEM

Bethlehem has had a wonderful August. We had 2 salvations and baptisms. Six people have joined the church by letters. Praise the Lord!! September 27th is our yearly fish fry. Everyone is welcome to attend. Prayers for our upcoming mission work!

NEW BETHEL

Here at New Bethel our Pastor, Brother Beau Parker, has resigned to pursue Ministry elsewhere, and we thank him for his service as our Pastor for the past year and wish him, Lacey, Hastings and Anderson all the best wherever God leads them next. On Wednesday, July 23rd, we served around 150 meals during our free Hero's Lunch for First Responders. On Saturday, August 2nd, several of our members traveled to all our Marshall County Schools and some Calloway County Schools to pray for the Students, Teachers and all School Personnel for a safe and blessed upcoming school year. There was an End of Summer Youth Pool Party on August 3rd. On Thursday, August 14th our Young at Heart Seniors traveled to Cypress Springs in Murray for their monthly outing. On Sunday, August 17th, we had a Back to School Ice Cream Social and coming up, a Youth Fund Raiser, MOVIE NIGHT, on Saturday August 30th (featuring "Church People"), and on Sunday August 31st, Sunday School Breakfast! Please keep New Bethel in your prayers as we search for a Pastor.

SALEM

We give all glory to God --- Two more precious souls were saved! Sometimes the children's message speaks in ways that touch hearts far beyond the little ones, and Sunday morning was a perfect example. Brother Frankie has often reminded us that the servants of the church can sometimes reach people in ways even a sermon cannot. That truth was made clear as the children's message carried a powerful reminder of God's strength and renewal.

Isaiah 40:29-31 He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

What a beautiful reminder that God's Word never returns void, and His Spirit moves in ways we least expect.

SPRING CREEK

The Church went to Calloway County High School on August 3rd after Church to pray for the students and faculty. We prayed for them to have a good year and to keep them all SAFE for the coming year. The Church participated in purchasing School Supplies for the local schools again this year. Our Church sponsored a "Cruise In & Cook Out" on August 16th. Everyone experienced the Roar of engines and the Brilliance of Automotive design in Spring Creek Parking Lot with free food and drinks provided. And then on August 17th, the Church had a wonderful evening with an ICE CREAM SOCIAL, and FINGER FOODS. And a wonderful time was enjoyed by all. On August 19th at 4:00 PM the Church will be taking cookies and treats to the returning Murray State Students. The Church Homecoming is going to be held on September 21st this year. With singing by the McKendree's, and our own Margaret Rauen accompanied by Wendy Joyce at 10:00 AM. Preaching will follow at 11:00 AM, which will be followed by the most delicious food you have ever laid into. Don't forget, the Freeda Harris Toy Drive for Children ages 6-16 years of age. The drive will end October 26th.

Matthew 16:15 "He saith to them, **But whom say ye that I am**"

SUGAR CREEK

We had a wonderful time at our Family Fun Day here at Sugar Creek Baptist Church! It was a joy to see families come together in fellowship, laughter, and love as we celebrated the end of summer. As we look ahead to the new school year, we are lifting up all our students, teachers, and school staff in prayer—asking God to bless them with wisdom, strength, and peace. We're also looking forward to our Donuts with Grandparents event on September 7th at 8:30 AM—don't miss this sweet time of connection and celebration! We invite you to join us every Sunday morning for Sunday School at 8:45 AM and Worship Service at 9:30 AM. There's a place for everyone at Sugar Creek!



The Kingsmen Quartet

Sept 12th @ 7 pm

New Zion Baptist
2900 Wadesboro Rd South
Benton, KY
(Love offering only)

Pastor's Breakfast

September 17th
7:30 a.m.

4 Pigs
Benton, KY



2025 BRBA Annual Meeting



October 13th, 2025
@ New Harmony Baptist
4817 Symsonia Hwy
Benton, KY

Session #1—3:00 p.m.
Session #2—5:30 p.m.