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DEADLINE
Newsletter deadline for March 2026 is
February 16th
EMAIL US AT:
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Remember to limit your words to 175.

Mark's Memo:

I want to thank Blood River Baptist Association for granting me the privilege of serving as the Interim Pastor for Holly Hills Missionary Baptist Church for the past three months. I praise the LORD during that time I had the privilege of administering the Lord's Supper and performing a baptism. Unfortunately, this sister church is no closer to calling a pastor than they were when I began serving as their Interim Pastor. So, please continue to pray for Holly Hills; Pleasant Valley; Oak Grove; Ledbetter; and FBC Gilbertsville as they seek God's man to serve as their pastor.

I also want to thank Blood River Baptist Association for giving me opportunities to attend conferences and retreats for continued education; spiritual renewal; and rest and relaxation. Kristin and I have attended the Shepherding Conference in Lexington for the past three years. This is a great conference sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention that provides opportunities for growth; renewal; and relaxation.

I am currently building a Mission Team to go put a new metal roof on the Live Love Ministries Building in Casa Grande, AZ, March 19-26. If you are interested in being a part of this team, contact me as soon as possible. If you want to secure your spot on this team, please send/bring a deposit check for \$100 made out to Blood River Baptist Association (LiveLove in the Memo). We need roofers; gophers; and a cook or two.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling

For God
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Life

Bags of Hope Pantry list for February

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



2026 DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

Bringing Help, Hope, and Healing

Register @ <https://www.kybaptist.org/disaster-relief/>

DO NOT FEAR

Trust in the LORD with all your HEART

TRUST GOD


PROVERBS 3:5

Bags of Hope Ministry

In December, we were able to help 332 people, of which 50 were new. We gave out 5,381 food items, 448 bread, and 133 personal hygiene items. Thank you and may God Bless our donors and clients!

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.



YOUTH EVANGELISM SUMMIT

When: February 6 - 7, 2026
Where: Hillvue Heights Baptist, Bowling Green, KY
Who: Middle & High School Students, also Ministry Leaders
Cost: \$15 (January 10 - February 2)
\$20 at the door
Register @ <https://kbc.regfox.com/youth-evangelism-summit-2026>

Missions4Men Rally

Edgewood Baptist, Hopkinsville, KY
March 23rd 6:30-8:00 pm
Cost: \$5 (meal included)
www.kywmu.org/events



MISSIONS4MEN RALLIES

2 SPEAKERS | 4 EVENTS | 4 LOCATIONS

CROSSINGS

Do you have Youth interested in going to summer camp at Crossings? Please contact Kay at the office for details, (270) 437-4203.

Portable Basketball Goals For Sale

Contact Bro. David Chandler @ (270) 703-8318 for more information.



Blood River Review

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Churches Currently without Pastors

Pleasant Valley Holly Hills Oak Grove
Ledbetter FBC Gilbertsville

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2026

2nd		Groundhog Day
2nd	6:00 pm	Constitution/Bylaws Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
3rd	10:00 am	Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
6th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
6th-7th		YES —Youth Evangelism Summit, Bowling Green, KY Register at www.kybaptist.org/event/yes
9th-15th		Focus on WMU Week
9th	5:00 pm	Missions Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
9th		Lincoln's Birthday
9th	6:00 pm	CYIA Gathering @ Dexter Baptist, Dexter, KY
11th	1:00 pm	Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
13th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
14th		Valentine's Day
15th		Focus on WMU Sunday
16th		President's Day/Washington's Birthday
20th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
22nd		Racial Reconciliation Sunday
27th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office

March 2026 (mark your calendar)

Pastor's Wife Appreciation Month

1st-7th		Week of Prayer—NAMB & Annie Armstrong
3rd	10:00 am	Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
6th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
8th		Spring Forward—Daylight Savings Time
9th-10th		REACH Register at www.kybaptist.org/reach
11th	1:00 pm	Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
12th	6:30 pm	Bags of Hope Board Meeting @ BRBA Office
13th	8:30 pm	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
18th	7:30 am	Pastor's Breakfast @ JoJo's Café, Benton, KY
20th		First Day of Spring
20th-21st		Disaster Relief Training, Henderson, KY Register @ https://www.kybaptist.org/disaster-relief/
20th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
22nd		Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
23rd		Missions4Men, Hopkinsville, KY
27th	8:30 am	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
29th		Palm Sunday

February Birthdays

5th	Dale Taylor, New Mt. Carmel
10th	Lisa Burkeen, Cherry Corner
12th	Bob McCuiston, Old Salem Road
13th	Deidra Hodges, Elva
14th	Dedria Moore, Sharpe
18th	Meagan Sheppard, Altona (Youth)

February Anniversaries

11th	Terry & Sandy Joselyn, Ferguson Springs
28th	Chris & Dedria Moore, Sharpe

February Church Anniversaries

1st Sunday
Johnny Coffenberry, Hamlet (2020)
3rd Sunday
James Oates, Lakeview (2023)

I mistakenly listed January 2nd as Bro. Jack Kee's birthday. The birthday actually belongs to **Mrs. Jana Kee**. Please forgive my error, and help me by wishing **Mrs. Jana Kee** a very **Happy belated Birthday!**



February Pastor's Prayer Times

6th	8:30 a.m.	BRBA Office
13th	8:30 a.m.	BRBA Office
20th	8:30 a.m.	BRBA Office
27th	8:30 a.m.	BRBA Office

ISRAEL

Our Leaders
Our Youth
Our Schools
Each Other
Our Pastors

THE LOST

Sister Churches
Our Country
The Sick
Missionaries
Our Teachers

Churches without Pastors



As your church begins to finalize your **2026 Calendar**; please notify the office of any events you would like to include in the newsletter. In addition, let us know of your plans for **Revivals** and **VBS**.

BETHLEHEM

Hello from Bethlehem. Our spaghetti dinner benefitting the Hope Clinic was Saturday, January 17th. It turned out well. God Bless the Hope Clinic and the work they do. Now, February 8th, after morning service we will have our "Share the Love" meal. Hope to see you there! Love and God Bless from Bethlehem Baptist Church.

HAZEL

Greetings to each sister church and may God's blessings be with you!! At HBC we have several events coming up. On January 25th, we will have a Birthday Celebration for everyone in the church. It's an event where we set up decorated tables for each month, have a meal and birthday cake. WOW, WHAT A FUN TIME WE HAVE!! On February 11th, we will have our Valentine's Spaghetti Supper. February 15th, HBC will have "Bring Someone You Love" with a potluck to following the morning service. Looking ahead to April 25th, HBC is having a Women's Conference from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. We encourage each church to be watching for further details and registration. It will be a GREAT DAY in the LORD'S house!!

NEW BETHEL

Our Young at Heart Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 19th went very well, with great food, great fellowship and a telling of the Christmas Story, the Greatest Story Ever Told!! Our Youth Christmas Program on Sunday Morning, December 21st was wonderful, a beautiful Christmas story, and our Youth Group, along with the younger kids, were really great. On Wednesday Evening, December 31st, our Youth Group hosted a New Year's Eve Fellowship time in our Youth Building for everyone, with snacks and drinks and games and just a fun time together. On Monday, January 12th there was a Christian Youth In Action gathering in our Youth Building for any young person wanting to grow in God's Word. On Sunday Evening, January 18th, our Yearly Calendar Planning Meeting will be held in place of our normal worship service. Isaiah 40:31 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.

SALEM

January will be gone soon, but SBC has several activities lined up for the year. We will start with some guest singers, our neighboring Mennonite youth, this Sunday night at 6 p.m. Homecoming is set for April 19th with KT&T and spring revival for the week of May 17th. Let's See What Jesus Can Fix in 2026.

See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing.
1 Thessalonians 5:15-17

God is Love

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FAITHFULNESS

SALVATION

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PATIENCE

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GRACE

LOVE

OBEDIENCE

MINISTRY

PEACE

MERCY

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CYIA Gathering
(Christian Youth In Action)

For Christian teens that want to fellowship with youth from other churches and desire to grow deeper in God's Word.

Pastors, Youth Leaders, Parents are welcome to stay and engage with their students.
Supper will be provided

Dexter Baptist Church
76 Church Street
Dexter, KY

February 9, 2026
6:00pm to 8:00pm



To register visit beautifulyouconference.com
This event is geared towards middle school, high school, and college girls!



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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday, February 27th

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Location: The Murray Room @ CFSB Center

