



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

Mark's Memo:

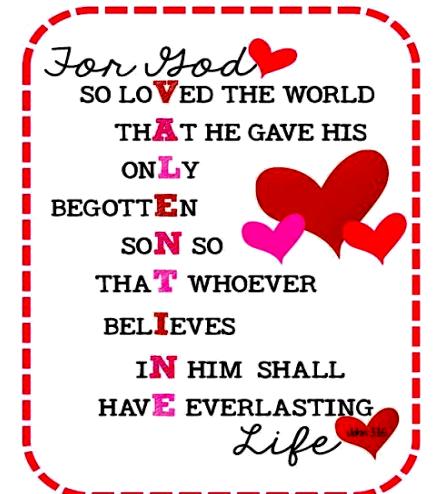
I want to thank Blood River Baptist Association for granting me the privilege of serving as the Interim Pastor for Holly Hills Missionary Baptist Church for the past three months. I praise the LORD during that time I had the privilege of administering the Lord's Supper and performing a baptism. Unfortunately, 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



Bags of Hope Ministry

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 & Sweat 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

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



CROSSINGS

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



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



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)

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 at 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

PRAYER changes things

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

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Our Leaders
Our Youth
Our Schools
Each Other
Our Pastors
Churches without 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 follow 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

31 Scriptures About GOD'S LOVE

Bible Verses About God's Love For Us

- John 3:16 - God sent His Son to die for us
- John 16:27 - We can have a relationship with God because of His Son
- Psalm 109:26 - His love is unfailing
- Romans 5:8 - Even though we sin, God still sent His Son to die for us
- 1 John 4:9 - God gave us new life through Jesus
- 1 John 3:1 - God calls us His children
- Romans 5:5 - He gives us hope through His free gift, the Holy Spirit
- 1 John 4:16 - God is love, so we can rely on His love
- Jeremiah 29:11 - He has a plan of hope for us
- Psalm 86:15 - He is compassionate, faithful, and abounding in love
- Ephesians 2:4-5 - We are saved by HIS grace, and He is merciful
- Isaiah 54:10 - His love for us is unfailing
- Romans 8:35 - Nothing can separate God's children from Christ's love
- Ephesians 3:18 - His love for us is so wide, high, and deep, that we can't understand it
- Psalm 36:5 - His love is kind
- Lamentations 3:32 - He is still good even in our grief
- 1 John 4:9 - God physically showed His love for us
- Isaiah 41:10 - He is with us; He will strengthen and help us

Bible Verses About Responding to God's Love

- Psalm 136:26 - We are to thank Him for His enduring love
- John 15:9 - We are to remain in His love
- Psalm 63:3 - We are to glorify Him with our words
- Mark 12:30 - We are to love Him with everything we have
- John 1:6 - We are called to walk in His love

Bible Verses About Loving Others

- 1 John 4:7 - We are to love one another because we are born of God
- John 15:12 - We are to love others just as God loved us
- Ephesians 5:25 - We are to show God's love to our spouse
- Colossians 3:14 - We are to put on God's love
- Luke 10:27 - We are to love others as ourselves
- 1 John 4:19 - We love others because God loved us first

God is Love

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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

\$20 TICKETS
To register visit beautifullyouconference.com
This event is geared towards middle school, high school, and college girls!

