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**Mark's Memo:**

As we turn the calendar to March, I expect the majority of us are anxious to put the cold winter weather behind us. I was pleasantly surprised to see a few daffodils blooming yesterday in Murray. So, Spring isn't too far away.

The coming of Spring also means it's time to begin thinking about the week of prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. Several thousand NAMB Missionaries are spread across North America seeking to share the gospel with the estimated 2.8 million lost people living in North America. From Eric and Brittany Gibbs in Arizona trying to reach native Americans to church planters like Danny Torres and Edwin Pacheo in New York City, these missionaries depend upon Southern Baptist's to partner with them spiritually through prayer; financially by giving to their ministry or the Annie Armstrong offering; and physically by going to serve alongside them. So, I ask each person and each church to give sacrificially so that our missionaries can continue sharing the gospel in word and deed with the millions who are "groping in darkness."

Please pray for our Arizona Mission Team that will be assisting Eric and Brittany Gibbs of Live Love Ministries in Casa Grande, AZ the week of March 20-26. Around 14 men from six of our churches will be putting a roof on the ministry center of Live Love Ministries and building a small house for a family on the Tohono O'odham reservation.

Please pray for Old Salem Road as they will be in Revival March 12-14, New Harmony's Revival March 15-18 and New Zion, New Bethel and Elva as they are holding joint Revival services at New Zion March 22 -25.

Also, please continue to pray for your sister churches that are seeking a pastor.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Mark E. Sickling



**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

- March 2026** **Pastor's Wife Appreciation Month**
- 1st-7th Week of Prayer—NAMB & Annie Armstrong
  - 2nd 9:00 am **41st Western Kentucky Evangelism Conference**, Southside Baptist, Princeton, KY
  - 3rd 10:00 am Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
  - 5th 6:00 pm **Sunday School Still Matters** by KBC @ FBC Princeton, KY  
Register @ [www.kybaptist.org/sssm/](http://www.kybaptist.org/sssm/)
  - 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](http://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
  - 16th 6:00 pm **Healthy Habits for Pastor's Workshop** @ BRBA Office  
Register @ [www.kybaptist.org/events/healthy-habits-for-pastors-worshop-2/](http://www.kybaptist.org/events/healthy-habits-for-pastors-worshop-2/)
  - 18th 7:30 am Pastor's Breakfast @ JoJo's Café, Benton, KY
  - 18th-21st **Adult KY Changers** @ Oneida Baptist Institute  
Register @ [www.kywmu.org/adult-changers](http://www.kywmu.org/adult-changers)
  - 19th-26th Mission Trip to Arizona
  - 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  
Register @ [www.kywmu.org/events/missions-4-men-rallies-2](http://www.kywmu.org/events/missions-4-men-rallies-2)
  - 27th 8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
  - 29th Palm Sunday
  - 29th 6:00 pm Eric Horner @ New Bethel Baptist, Benton, KY
- April 2026 (mark your calendar)**
- 3rd Good Friday—**Office Closed**
  - 5th Easter
  - 7th 10:00 am Evangelism Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
  - 8th 1:00 pm Budget/Finance Committee Meeting @ BRBA Office
  - 9th **6:30 pm Quarterly Executive Board Meeting @ Bethlehem**, Benton, KY
  - 10th 8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
  - 10th-11th KY WMU Annual Meeting @ Highland Baptist, Shelbyville, KY
  - 12th Baptism Sunday/Personal Evangelism Emphasis Sunday
  - 15th Tax Day
  - 17th 8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
  - 19th Salem Baptist Homecoming
  - 21st 8:45 am **Boomer & Senior Celebration**@ Southside Baptist, Princeton, KY
  - 22nd Administrative Assistances Day
  - 24th 8:30 am Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
  - 24th-25th Disaster Relief Training, Nicholasville, KY  
Register @ <https://www.kybaptist.org/disaster-relief/>
  - 25th 8:30 am Women's Conference @ Hazel Baptist, Hazel, KY
  - 26th Baptism Sunday
  - 26th-29th 6:00 pm Briensburg Revival, Benton, KY
  - 27th 7:00 pm **WMU Quarterly Meeting** @ Altona Baptist, Calvert City, KY

**Bags of Hope Ministry**

In January, we were able to help **402** people, of which **51** were new. We gave out **3,415** food items, **507** bread, and **177** 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.

**Bags of Hope Pantry list for March**

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

**Portable Basketball Goals for sale**



**Contact Bro. David Chandler @ (270) 703-8318 from New Bethel for more information**

**Newsletter deadline for April 2026 is**

**March 18th**

EMAIL US AT:

[bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org](mailto:bloodriver@bloodriverassoc.org)  
 Remember to limit your words to 175.



# Blood River Review

**MARCH 2026** NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



### March 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

### Churches Currently without Pastors

- Pleasant Valley
- Holly Hills
- Oak Grove
- FBC Gilbertsville
- Poplar Spring

### March Birthdays

- 2nd Robin LaChance, Bethel
- 11th Charles LaChance, Bethel
- 13th Erin Clark, BCM
- 14th Robert Harwell, Coldwater
- 21st Tina Harris, FBC Gilbertsville (I)
- 23rd Mark Thweatt, Locust Grove
- 28th Leslie Miles, Northside
- 31st Doug Sanders, Spring Creek

### March Anniversaries

- 10th James & Karen Oates, Lakeview
- 11th Frankie & Kristina McKinney, Salem
- 12th Robert & JoAnna Harwell, Coldwater
- 18th Randy & Karen Kuykendall, West Fork
- 28th Mike & Alice Farmer, Vanzora

### March Church Anniversaries

#### 1st Sunday

- Doug Sanders, Spring Creek (2025)
- Brad Walker, Briensburg (2010)



**Healthy Habits for Pastor's Workshop**  
**March 16th from 6-8 pm @ BRBA Office**  
**Register @**

[www.kybaptist.org/event/healthy-habits-for-pastors-workshop-2/](http://www.kybaptist.org/event/healthy-habits-for-pastors-workshop-2/)



**Pastor's Breakfast**  
**March 18th**  
**@ 7:30 am**  
**JoJo's Café**  
**Benton, KY**



**DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING**  
*Bringing Help, Hope, and Healing*

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

### Missions4Men Rally

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

**MISSIONS4MEN RALLIES**  
 2 SPEAKERS | 4 EVENTS | 4 LOCATIONS

### BETHLEHEM

Hi from Bethlehem! Well, we are over winter, how about you? Spring is right around the corner. Time change is March 8th. We have scheduled our Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, March 28th at 10 am. All the kids get their baskets ready and come hunt with us. In March, we will also be putting together our cookbook. Proceeds will benefit missions. Also, not we have a "Blessings Closet" for fire victims, etc. Bye for now!

### HAZEL

February 15th HBC had "Bring Someone You Love" with a potluck to following the morning service. We had 233 in attendance. HBC has been blessed with 4 new additions. We welcome by baptism Kodi Stoner, Randy Roach, Cami Donelson and Anthony Chavez. We have been abundantly blessed. Looking ahead to April 25th, HBC is having a Women's Conference "Rooted + Radiant" from 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. We would like each church to encourage their ladies to register and look forward to a GREAT DAY in the LORD'S house!! Registration can be found on Hazel Baptist Church Facebook page. On March 15th we will have our HBC competition for Cobblers for Christ competition. God bless each church in our association and pray for all that do not have pastors.

### NEW BETHEL

On Wednesday Evening February 4th, our Youth Group packed Backpacks for the Homeless with food, snacks, clothing, blankets and other items donated by our congregation, and the Backpacks were delivered to God's Promise Ministries for distribution to the homeless folks in our community. On Friday February 13th, some of our Youth Group along with some parents and grandparents, attended Winter Jam in Nashville, TN and had a great time with wonderful Christian music and Fellowship with a whole lot of other young people. During the Evening Service on Sunday February 22nd, guest speaker Michael Chandler will be speaking about his trip to the Holy Land, and showing slides of that trip. Coming up March 1st-8th, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and on Sunday March 8th, Daylight Saving Time begins (set your clocks ahead 1 hour). March 29, Eric Horner will be performing for our evening service at 6 pm. Brother David continues to bring the messages God lays on his heart, and he, Cara and Ava are a real blessing to us here at New Bethel.

Psalm 105:4 Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

### Jesus calms a storm

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Sea of Galilee	disciples	weather
obeyed	afraid	trust
power	quiet	awoke
sleep	Jesus	storm
boats		



**Adult Ky Changers @ Oneida Institute**  
**March 18th—21st**  
**Register @**

[www.kywmu.org/events/2026-spring-adult-changers](http://www.kywmu.org/events/2026-spring-adult-changers)



*To Our Pastor's Wife*

IT TAKES A SPECIAL PERSON  
 to be a pastor's wife,  
 FOR IT IS NOT AN EASY TASK OR A SIMPLE  
*Way of Life.*  
 WHEN PEOPLE NEED A HELPING HAND ON YOU  
*they can depend,*  
 FOR YOU ALWAYS TRY YOUR BEST TO BE A  
**FAITHFUL FRIEND.**

**WE APPRECIATE YOU**



### March is Pastor's Wife Appreciation Month

With sincere gratitude from the staff of Blood River Baptist Association: Thank you for your faith, support, and servant heart. You are truly appreciated.



Faith isn't about asking God to calm the storm...  
 It's about trusting Him to strengthen you while the storm still rages.



Quarterly Executive Board Meeting  
 April 8th @ 6:30 pm  
 Bethlehem Baptist, Benton, KY

**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING**